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# CREDIT CRUNCH FANS THE FIRES

**Arson could increase in current climate**

BUSINESSES could become targets for arson attacks because of the tightening economy, one of Kent's largest independent insurance brokers has warned.

Home Office figures show recorded incidents of arson in Kent fell by 16 per cent between 2006/7 and 2007/8, but Otford-based Belmont International said that could change.

David Armstrong, associate director, said: "History has shown that when the business environment gets harder, the incidence of arson rises, whether at the hands of desperate business owners or former employees."

"Many successful businesses can also find themselves affected by attacks on nearby premises, whether by the fire or by efforts to put it out resulting in water damage."

"Each business is different and it is no good having off-the-shelf protection and being under-prepared. It is vital businesses have the right cover, such as business interruption insurance."

Business owners can also take a number of steps themselves to reduce the risk of being a victim of an arson attack. For example, strengthen defences, report even small fires to police and fire brigade because they could be

By **TONY PATEY**



**TAKE COVER: Businesses should protect themselves with the right insurance, warns David Armstrong**

a warning of worse to come, and warn staff to challenge anyone who should not be on the premises and to report any suspicious activities.

Also, ensure fire equipment, such as extinguishers, is in working order and protected against sabotage, and at the end of each day check doors and windows are secure and no combustible material is left lying around.

Insurance broker Smart and Cook,

which has a branch in West Wickham, Bromley, said there were 2,367 fires in non-residential buildings in London last year – a large percentage in the late summer. So the broker is warning businesses to review fire safety procedures and ensure there is always cover for a fire warden.

The firm said the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, which came into force on October 1, 2006, has had a major impact on the enforcement of fire safety, and bosses or a nominated person must guarantee the existence of precautions for protecting people from fire.

Group marketing director Peter Castle said: "There should be several competent people, with employers ensuring there is always at least one in the workplace."

Apart from the obvious economic dangers of fire to a business – such as its chances of survival and law suits – directors failing to comply with legislation might be personally liable to civil and criminal action.

Mr Castle added: "With so much at stake, not to mention the moral duty of care, this is an issue employers simply can't afford to ignore."

Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue Service said they would prefer not to comment.



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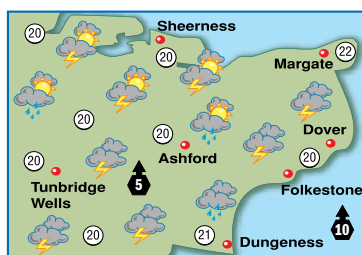
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## Kent today



**TODAY:** It will start very unsettled with overnight thunderstorms moving very slowly north across the county. The afternoon will be mainly fine. Gentle southerly winds. Max temp 20-23C (68-73F).

**TONIGHT:** Skies will cloud over but it will remain dry. Brisk westerly winds. Min temp 12-15C (54-59F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	thunder	17	63	London	rain	19	66
Belfast	thunder	21	70	Liverpool	thunder	23	73
Birmingham	rain	16	61	Manchester	thunder	22	72
B'mouth	thunder	22	72	Newcastle	thunder	21	70
Bristol	thunder	18	64	Norwich	thunder	24	75
Cardiff	rain	21	70	Oxford	thunder	22	72
Cork	cloudy	17	63	Southsea	thunder	20	68
Edinburgh	rain	19	66	S'thampton	rain	19	66
Glasgow	rain	17	63	Southport	sun	19	66
Isle of Man	rain	17	63	Swansea	cloudy	18	64
Leeds	thunder	21	70	Torquay	rain	18	64

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.06am	Sunset	7.44pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	6.49am	Moonset	7.40pm	7.44pm to 6.08am

## High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	00.03 6.5 12.16 6.8	00.39 6.6 12.52 6.9
Margate	01.11 4.8 13.15 4.9	01.53 4.8 13.53 4.9
St Mary's	05.49 5.6 18.06 5.9	06.26 5.7 18.42 5.9

## Week ahead

<b>monday</b> Largely fine max 19C min 13C	<b>thursday</b> Showers max 19C min 10C
<b>tuesday</b> Rain max 19C min 11C	<b>friday</b> Mainly dry max 19C min 12C
<b>wednesday</b> Mainly fine max 20C min 10C	<b>saturday</b> Sunny spells max 21C min 12C

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Picture CHANNEL 4

GIVING: Millionaire Daniel Smith went undercover to help London's down and out after hearing the harrowing tale of a homeless girl

# One in a million

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A PROPERTY tycoon from Kent has talked about appearing on a TV programme on wealthy benefactors who want to change the lives of others for the better.

Daniel Smith, from Wilmington, near Dartford, is on Channel 4's hit show *The Secret Millionaire* on Tuesday.

He contacted the show after an eye-opening two hours with a homeless girl in London's Soho, listening to her terrifying story.

Mr Smith then spent 10 days undercover with the homeless and deprived around the Elephant and Castle area of the capital before handing over cash to those he believed deserved the most help.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I was horrified at the way some people live."

"There are always going to be people who don't want to live what many consider a normal life, by staying on the streets, and I met some who had lived that way for 30 years and had no intention of changing. But for every

one of those, there are many more who are desperate to get back on the rails and those are the people I wanted to help.

"What is shocking though is the sheer scale of the problem. Government must do more to help these people. They often find themselves in positions of complete helplessness because there isn't any help for them."

## Slums

Hostels are all very well, but they have no chance of helping all those who need it, said the 26-year-old. And many who do have some sort of shelter find they are worse than slums.

Mr Smith said: "What sort of country can let their people live like this? It is like there is another London inside London, away from all the bright lights."

"I had no idea how bad it was until I lived with these people for 10 days. Some people have no access to water, let alone hot water,

and of course no goodies like televisions."

The philanthropist helped turn his family business around from the age of 15 and now owns several residential and commercial properties as well as a storage business. He became a millionaire at 23.

He said: "My interest in this started when I got talking to a homeless girl last year. I bought her breakfast and we chatted for a couple of hours about her life. I decided then that I wanted to do something and was already aware of the Channel 4 show."

"I was delighted when they gave me a chance to do a little something and give someone a chance to make a better life."

"What does upset me is that I can't help everyone - that really is a matter for government, not matter which colour it is."

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "Daniel was brilliant and was upset that he could not help everyone he met - that is always the hardest part of this show."

• See Mr Smith on *The Secret Millionaire* on Tuesday from 9pm on Channel 4.

# Wasted money fuels special measures

A SENIOR policeman has revealed Kent Police had to introduce special measures after officers caused tens of thousands of pounds of damage by putting the wrong fuel into force vehicles, writes **Jamie McGinnes**.

Figures given to Kent on Sunday following a Freedom of Information request showed nearly £49,000 of damage was caused to police vehicles by 'mis-fuelling' in the last five years.

There were 274 incidents of police putting diesel into petrol vehicles and vice versa from 2003 to this year. In the year 2005/6, the dam-

age caused by 74 incidents cost £14,596.72.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beaubridge said steps have been taken to tackle the problem: "In 2006, Kent Police put in place a number of measures to prevent mis-fuelling. These included placing yellow diesel stickers and green unleaded stickers next to the fuel flap and installing an electronic diesel warning system that reminds the driver what type of fuel is needed. Since then, the number has dropped significantly."

In 2007/8, mis-fuelling cost our police £6,524.27. There were 35 incidents, with the

most, seven, in south Kent, costing £1,326.94.

Mark Wallace, from the 'Taxpayers' Alliance, said he was dismayed by the figures: "This is a staggering amount of money to waste through such a basic error."

"The police often make it clear they feel under-funded. One way to divert more money to officers on the frontline would be to stop damaging police cars with bungles like this."

Officers who put the wrong fuel into vehicles are given 'guidance' by their manager. Any found to be mis-fuelling on purpose face disciplinary action.

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# Whiff of a scandal over Boris speech

## Ping pong inventor's relative kicks up a stink over remarks

### EXCLUSIVE

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE great grandson of the man who invented ping pong has blasted London Mayor Boris Johnson for making incorrect statements about the sport's history.

Joe Jaques, from Edenbridge, claims Mr Johnson did not carry out enough research before speaking at a ceremony to mark the handover of the Olympic flag from Beijing to London.

Comments made about the origins of table tennis were of particular annoyance to Mr Jaques, who is the commercial director of the world's oldest sports and games manufacturer, Jaques of London.

Towards the end of a rousing speech, Mr Johnson said: "Ping pong was invented on the dining tables of England in the 19th century and it was called whiff whaff."

"There you have the essential difference between us and the rest of the world."

"The French might look at a dining table and see an opportunity to eat. We looked at it and saw the opportunity to play whiff whaff."

Established by Thomas Jaques in 1795, Jaques of London is credited with inventing numerous world-famous games over the years, including snakes and ladders and tidlywinks.

It also created the Staunton chess set and therefore playing pieces such as the rook and knight.

In 1901, John Jaques III revived the old English parlour game gossima and



patented the name ping pong after introducing an easier-to-control plastic ball.

According to his great grandson, whiff whaff was a cheap imitation released about a year later.

He said: "I watched Mr Johnson's speech on television and I was appalled. It looked like he had carried out some research but not quite enough."

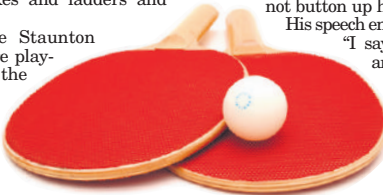
"It's criminal really and you would have thought he would be better-informed."

"What he said is like saying the English invented the Hoover but at the time it was called a Dyson. Mr Hoover would be furious, just as my family is about this mistake."

Members of the Chinese press were upset with Mr Johnson's demeanour during the handover ceremony, as he accepted the Olympic flag with one hand, frequently placed his hands in his pockets and did not button up his jacket.

His speech ended with the line:

"I say to the Chinese and the rest of the world that ping pong is coming home, athletics is coming home and sport is coming home."



**BATTY:** Joe Jaques (left) says Boris Johnson (above) got his facts wrong about table tennis during his Olympics speech

Mr Jaques said he found Mr Johnson's comments disrespectful.

He added: "His speech was hugely patronising about the national sport of China. He suggested it was just an after-dinner pastime when it is also now a hugely competitive sport in our country as well."

"If the mayor is so concerned with the history of the sport, then why has nobody from his office approached the originators and only UK makers of the sport (Jaques of London) and asked about tables for the Olympics yet?"

Mr Jaques said he emailed Mr Johnson's office with a list of his grievances but had not received a reply.

When contacted by Kent on Sunday, Mr Johnson remained defiant about his speech. He said: "I stand by my assertion that whiff whaff and ping pong are one and the same thing, with the 'whiffs' predating the 'pongs'."

"Regardless of semantics though, it is a sport of which we should be proud and I look forward to watching it in 2012."

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## Court for power station protesters

SIX environmental activists are to appear in court tomorrow after they climbed a smoke-stack more than 650ft high at Kingsnorth power station.

Their protest last October was over plans for a new coal-powered station at the site.

Two Kent men are among the Greenpeace campaigners facing criminal damage and aggravated trespass charges in a jury trial, which is at Maidstone Crown Court.

The defendants are Tim Hewke, 48, from Ulcombe, near Maidstone, Ben Stewart, 34, from Lyminge, near Folkestone, Huw Williams, 41, from Nottingham, Kevin Drake, 44, from Wiltshire, Will Rose, 29, from London, and Emily Hall, 34, from New Zealand.

Kent Crown Prosecution Service said the trial was expected to last eight days.

## Bridge fall horror leaves man dead

A MAN was killed when he fell from a bridge and hit a white Ford Transit van on the way down.

Motorists looked on in horror as the 45-year-old plummeted from the crossing on the A2 at Wincheap, Canterbury, on Thursday.

The road was closed for two hours while police interviewed witnesses and inspected the area, causing huge tailbacks.

Officers have ruled out any suspicious circumstances and say they are not looking for anyone in connection with the man's death.

## Cabinet shake-up at County Hall

KENT County Council's cabinet has been reshuffled following the resignation of two of its members.

Cllr Chris Wells and Cllr Roger Gough both stepped down to concentrate on other political areas.

As a result, Cllr Leyland Ridings has been named the new cabinet member for children, families and education, while Cllr Kevin Lynes will be in charge of regeneration.

Cllr Graham Gibbens will head up Kent Adult Social Services, and Cllr Alan Marsh will look after public health.

## Council moves to justify £12,400 trip to Beijing

COUNCIL chiefs splurged £12,400 of taxpayers' money on an eight-day jaunt to the Beijing Olympic Games, writes **Simon Robinson**.

Medway 2012 deputy manager Helen Cockersole flew out to Macau to promote the towns' pre-games training camp facilities.

During the £1,370 per day trip, she also rubbed shoulders with Olympics minister Tessa Jowell and Lord Sebastian Coe at a special reception organised by the London 2012 team to launch the official guide to the approved UK training centres.

The eight-day tour – entirely funded by council taxpayers – comes despite cutbacks across key services, most notably in Medway's leisure and sport centres, adult education and crèche facilities.

A council spokesman defended the Beijing beano, saying: "Helen participated in a visit organised by Visit Britain and the British Olympic Association for representatives from the nations and regions of the UK who are working to bring about benefits to their areas from 2012."

"The primary purpose of the trip was to

promote Medway's pre-games training camp facilities to National Olympic Committees who are considering training in the UK ahead of the 2012 Games, as well as to promote Medway as a visitor and sporting destination for the games and more generally."

"As part of the package, she attended a special reception to launch the official guide to the approved UK training camp facilities, which include five Medway facilities covering 16 Olympic sports, with 13 at Medway Park alone."

"Helen also visited the Team GB preparation camp in Macau to see first hand what is involved in hosting a training camp, and represented Medway at an event for the Chinese travel trade and media event."

"The trip also provided an opportunity to raise Medway's profile amongst some of the country's major sports destinations and to network with important figures in UK sport and tourism."

Ms Cockersole flew out to Macau on Saturday, August 9 and returned from Beijing on Sunday, August 17.



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# Kicking up a fuss over brave police

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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**BRAVE** female police officers who were kicked and punched as they tried to protect two assault victims were among those honoured at an awards ceremony.

Medway colleagues PC Rebecca Greaves and PC Natalie Guest suffered serious injuries when they were attacked by three men in Rochester, in December 2006.

On Wednesday they were among more than 40 to receive praise from Chief Constable Michael Fuller, at Kent Police College in Maidstone.

He said: "These two officers are the embodiment of a police constable and showed immense courage when faced with a violent situation, doing all they could to protect the lives of two members of the community."

"PC Greaves and PC Guest are to be congratulated and commended for their courage and professionalism."

Also among the recipients was PC Adam Spain, who stepped into a superior officer's shoes to co-ordinate his colleagues following one of the biggest pile-ups in Kent Police history.

The June 2007 crash on the A20 between Folkestone and Dover affected more than



**DEDICATED:** PC Natalie Guest was praised for her defensive actions by Chief Constable Michael Fuller

140 vehicles, and resulted in one death and 11 casualties.

PC Spain volunteered to step in for the sergeant of the force's roads policing unit, who had been injured in a previous accident, and acted as ground commander for more than nine hours.

Mr Fuller said he was inspired by the actions of officers such as PC Spain.

He added: "Day in and day out our officers and staff demonstrate dedication to serving people across Kent and Medway, often beyond the call of duty."

"I never fail to be inspired by the selflessness shown by the winners of these awards and it gives me enormous pride to thank those receiving them, not only on behalf of

the force, but also on behalf of the wider community."

"The individuals receiving these commendations should be rightly proud of what they have achieved and accept them in the knowledge that the force is equally proud of them."

Police officers were not the only people honoured at the ceremony, as praise was given to 999 operator Kayleigh Archer.

She received a call from a Chilham man who had shot and killed an intruder at his home, and appeared to be hysterical and suicidal.

But Mrs Archer was able to keep him and other occupants of the house, including a teenage girl, calm until armed police were able to intervene.

Awards were also given to police staff employee Malcolm Williams, Det Con Paul Goddard and Det Insp Andrea Bishop for their work investigating a series of robberies.

One such incident resulted in one of the robbers shooting at armed police upon leaving a bank in New Romney, but they fired back and killed him.

His three accomplices were later jailed for between 10 and 17 years each.

Judge Philip Statman said at the time: "We in Kent are fortunate in the quality of our police officers. This was clearly a skilful investigation and it was good to see good old-fashioned policing working."

## Traffic police go across Channel

KENT Police officers crossed the Channel to help their French counterparts catch speeding British motorists.

Three force members – two traffic officers and a French linguist from their European liaison unit – took part in the operation last weekend, and were based mostly at motorway tolls and service stations south of Calais.

Vehicles pulled over were also checked to see if they were roadworthy, and motorists were asked to produce driving documents.

Two hundred high visibility vests were also distributed, as it is illegal to travel without one in France.

Roscoe Walford, Kent Police's roads policing chief executive, said: "We can always learn something from our colleagues across local, regional and national borders, and they can learn from us."

French police officers will take part in a similar operation in Kent next month.

## Olympic day trip

GUIDED tours of future 2012 Olympic landmarks are being laid on by coach company Kings Ferry.

The Gillingham-based firm is capitalising on the success of Britain's athletes in Beijing by offering trips to sites in east London that are being redeveloped for the next games.

Commercial director Danny Elford said: "For most of us the last Olympics staged in the UK in 1948 are outside living memory, so this is a unique opportunity to witness a piece of history evolve."

"We are keen to promote this service to schools and sports organisations in the hope it may inspire some of the county's upcoming stars to represent their country in their chosen event."

For details on the tours see [www.thekingsferry.co.uk/olympics](http://www.thekingsferry.co.uk/olympics).



**FAIR WIND:** Nick Rogers and sailing partner Joe Glanfield won silver at the Olympics

## Silver sailor to meet young enthusiasts

ASPIRING sports stars will have fresh wind in their sails following an Olympic medal winner's visit to Kent, **writes Jane Connolly.**

Nick Rogers and his sailing partner Joe Glanfield scooped silver medals at the games in Beijing, after recovering from a bad start to snatch second place in the men's 470 class dinghy race. It was their second silver medal win, having achieved the first at the Athens Olympics four years ago.

On Saturday, September 27, Mr Rogers will visit Bewl Valley Sailing Club at Bewl Water, Lamberhurst, to share his experiences with young sailors taking part in the RYA South East Zone Championships. The two-day event allows under-14s from all over the region to compete for a place in the RYA Zone Squads, which will help them to devel-

op their skills at higher levels.

Club manager Vince Nunn believes the presence of a silver medallist will be inspirational for the young competitors.

"Nick will be telling the kids all about his win in Beijing," he said. "He'll talk about his sailing and what it involved for him to achieve that."

Even while Team GB was still in China, the medal-winning antics of our athletes appear to have inspired Kent children to get active in the hope of one day emulating their heroes' success. "We're running the last junior courses for absolute beginners this week," Mr Nunn said. "Whereas before the Olympics kicked off we had five people booked on, we've now got 15."

More details about Mr Rogers' visit can be found at [www.bewlvalleysch.co.uk](http://www.bewlvalleysch.co.uk).



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## Today's shepherding stunt in capital will boost two Kent causes, personalities hope



**CAPITAL:** Gary Rhodes (above) and Dr David Starkey (below) will join Viscount Linley on former High Sheriff Amanda Cottrell's London Bridge walk



# A bridge too 'baaaa'

A FLOCK of sheep was due to be herded across London Bridge this morning to raise awareness of two Kent charities.

Save Canterbury Cathedral and Produced in Kent should both benefit from the stunt, which was the brainchild of the county's former High Sheriff, Amanda Cottrell.

Due to join her on the 7am walk were celebrity chef Gary Rhodes, television historian Dr David Starkey and Princess Margaret's son, Viscount Linley.

Mrs Cottrell was exercising a centuries-old privilege afforded to her as a freeman of the city of London in driving sheep across London Bridge.

Before the event, she said: "We hope to

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receive national coverage and that there will be lots of people there for us to talk to. We will be wearing tops with the charities' names on and the sheep will probably be leading us in all sorts of directions, so people will certainly be able to see them.

"As patron of Produced in Kent and trustee of Canterbury Cathedral, I feel both of these issues have enormous national importance.

"This is a unique and, I hope, effective way to raise the profile of both."

Although the privilege dates back to the 13th century, Mrs Cottrell said these days police prefer it if sheep journeys across

London Bridge are kept to a minimum.

She added: "It has taken a lot of planning and it is a privilege that the police have been so good to allow us to do this.

"It has to be early on a Sunday morning because not many people are up and about then. We'll also have to keep hold of the sheep at all times so they do not become scared and jump into the Thames for a swim."

The six sheep due to be led across London Bridge were Romney rams provided by Alan West of the Romney Sheep Breeders' Society.

Mrs Cottrell said she came up with the idea because she wanted the two charities to receive national attention.

She said: "Produced in Kent aims to encourage people to source food locally. As a farmer's daughter, that is something I feel

very strongly about.

"As for Canterbury Cathedral, I was not a frequent visitor before because I am Roman Catholic. But as High Sheriff I spent a lot of time there for functions and fell in love with it. They need £50 million to conserve it and I think it is the responsibility of everybody in the country to help, not just the people of Kent."

Mrs Cottrell added that she invited her three companions personally.

She said: "I asked Gary because he's a Kent boy and is a great promoter of local food, so it was very important that he was on board.

"Viscount Linley had lunch with the trustees of the cathedral recently and was very interested and supportive of the campaign, and Dr Starkey lives in Kent and has an obvious affection for the cathedral."

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ENDANGERED: Three Iberian wolf cubs take the Howlett's pack to nine

# Wolf cubs the latest arrival at Howl-etts

FOUR Iberian wolf cubs born at a wild animal park in Kent have finally shown their faces to visitors three months after their birth.

Jim Vassie, head of carnivores at Howletts, near Canterbury, said the animals are shy by nature and newborns are protected by their family while they adapt to their new surroundings.

"Howletts has only recently started keeping Iberian wolves and since the arrival of a pair from a Spanish zoo in 2006, we have had two successful litters with a 100 per cent survival rate," he said.

The zoo now has one male and three female pups to add to the pack of nine wolves, which are a sub-species of grey wolf that live in the plains and forests of northern Portugal and northwest Spain.

By JENNA PUDELEK

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Mr Vassie said: "The Iberian wolf is classified as lower risk [by the International Union for Conservation of Nature] but there are only 2,000 wolves present in the Iberian Peninsula, 300 of which roam Portugal.

"Hunting, although banned in Portugal, is still permitted in parts of Spain. In addition to persecution from humans there is a continuing degradation of their natural habitat, a reduction in the population of species that they prey upon, and problems associated with increasing numbers of feral dogs that compete for food."

Iberian wolves are similar in appearance to the Eurasian wolf but have thinner builds, white marks on their upper lips, dark marks on their

tails and a pair of dark marks on their front legs, he said.

The wolves live in small packs and feed mostly on wild boar, rabbits, roe deer, red deer and ibex.

Their taste for domestic animals such as sheep and calves has put them in direct conflict with farmers and has led to widespread culling in the past.

Until the 1900s the species roamed across the majority of the Iberian Peninsula, but the Francoist government began an extermination campaign during the 1950s and 60s that wiped out the animals across Spain apart from the northwest of the country and parts of Sierra Morena.

Now, Spanish naturalists and conservationists are calling for hunting to be banned and for indigenous wolves to be protected.

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## X Factor Ashley still can't find his Snakey

A DEADLY snake owned by former X Factor finalist Ashley McKenzie is still on the loose – after slinking out of sight earlier this month, writes **Simon Robinson**.

The six-foot boa constrictor, named Snakey, was last seen on St Mary's Island more than three weeks ago and police chiefs have advised residents to shut windows and doors at all times and keep small pets in the house.

Concerned KOS Media readers have contacted us to ask if the snake has been caught.

X Factor star Ashley, who featured in the hit talent-search show's third series, won by Leona Lewis, released a statement through police which read: "Despite the searches made by myself and friends we have still been unable to locate Snakey."

"There have been two suspected sightings and on both occasions Medway police have attended, searched the area and provided support to the people who have voiced their concerns over the safety of themselves, their family and their pets."

## Dressing the Chinese way

AN ELEGANT Chinese dress will be subject of the next talk in a series being held in Margate ahead of an exhibition about the emerging superpower.

Far West, at the Turner Contemporary, will explore the theme of culture in present day China.

The qipao, a type of Chinese

dress, will be the focus of a talk led by Dr Wessie Ling from the London College of Fashion.

The talk will be held at the Margate Media Centre in the Old Town on September 16, at 6pm.

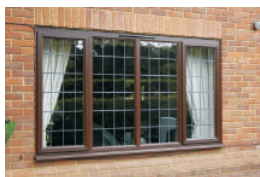
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## Police plea after 'vicious' robbery

ROBBERS sprayed a man in the face and punched him before making off in his white Ford Transit.

The attack took place in Front Brents, Faversham, at about 5.30am on Wednesday.

Police are asking for anyone with information about the three robbers – who later dumped the vehicle in Aylesham, near Canterbury – to come forward.

It is not known what was sprayed in the motorist's face. He suffered bruising from the punch but did not require treatment.

Police want to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time or who may have seen the van being driven along the A2.

Sgt Stuart Samson said: "This was a vicious robbery with no thought for the victim."

Call Swale police on 01795 419306 quoting reference CY/14606/08, or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

## History resurfaces as two-part BBC show takes fascinating

# Old Father Thames dredges up the past

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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REMNANTS of Britain's naval history have resurfaced in the form of shipwrecks recovered off the Kent coast.

Seven vessels have been raised from the depths of the Thames estuary as a result of a dredging operation ordered by the London Port Authority, which is deepening the shipping channel to allow larger boats to reach the capital.

Among them is HMS London, which was built at Chatham dockyard in 1654 but exploded in waters between the Isle of Grain and Southend just nine years later.

The ship was carrying 14 tons of gunpowder and it is thought the blast may have been ignited by a candle held by a crewman.

Further insights into each of the sunken vessels were given on Thames Shipwrecks: A Race Against Time, the first episode of which was screened on BBC2 on Tuesday.

As vice-president of the Medway Queen Preservation Society, Noreen Chambers had a particular interest in the programme.

She said: "There is something romantic about



**DENTED PRIDE:** A computer-generated image of the wreck of HMS London

shipwrecks and they often preserve all sorts of things our ancestors used hundreds of years ago.

"Artefacts such as cutlery and pots and pans are sometimes found, and it makes you realise we haven't really changed that much.

"It's important to remember all aspects of history because we are what we are because of what happened before – and we can learn from our mistakes."

Mrs Chambers, whose husband John works in the library at the Historic Dockyard, said

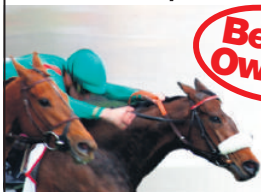


**HEAVY LOAD:** The Dovenby sank in 1914 while transporting tons of bird droppings

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## look at wrecks beneath estuary waves



**COAL SCUTTLED:** SS Letchworth was sunk by the Luftwaffe during World War Two

she would have liked to have seen the wrecks uncovered earlier.

She said: "It sounds like something they've just thought of doing, but all shipwrecks are charted so they could have done this years ago."

HMS London was one of the first ships of Charles II's reformed Royal Navy, but not all the recovered vessels had such grand backgrounds.

The so-called "pottery wreck" was a one-man boat used by shrimp fishermen in Gravesend, while the dredging also revealed a mystery wreck containing a jar of gin bearing the name of a Woolwich pub.

However, others can rival the importance of HMS London, such as HMS Aisha and SS Letchworth. The former was a World War Two

vessel controlled by a group of volunteers known as Dad's Navy, which was sunk in October 1940 by a mine laid by a German submarine.

SS Letchworth was not a warship but still played an important role by delivering coal to London's power stations during the conflict, until it was bombed by the Luftwaffe off Southend pier. The final vessel recovered was the Dovenby, a ship that sank in 1914 while carrying 2,575 tons of bird droppings – used in the manufacture of explosives.

• **The second part of Thames Shipwrecks: A Race Against Time is on BBC2 on Tuesday at 8pm.**



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**DAD'S NAVY:** HMS Aisha struck a mine laid in the Thames estuary by a German U-boat

## HIV drug heroes hailed

FOUR research chemists who undertook groundbreaking work on a new HIV medicine have been given world recognition by becoming Heroes of Chemistry.

The four – who all worked at Pfizer's European research and development headquarters at Sandwich at the time – were the only non-Americans to receive the annual accolade from the American Chemical Society.

Twenty-five scientists were inducted into the Heroes of Chemistry hall of fame this year as a mark of their work in chemistry and chemical engineering leading to innovation and the development of commercial products.

The Pfizer team, who attended the event in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were responsible for the Celcentri (maraviroc) treatment, which is the first new oral class of HIV medicines developed in the last ten years.

They are: Tony Wood, 42, head of discovery chemistry; scientist Duncan Armour, 40; research project leader Blanda Stammen; and David Price, 37, director of chemistry, who is now based at Pfizer's Groton Laboratories in the United States.

The others are still based at Sandwich.



**PROUD DAY:** David Price, Blanda Stammen and Duncan Armour with their awards

Scientists at Pfizer have spent ten years developing a new treatment for HIV. Maraviroc was discovered at Sandwich in 2000 and was granted regulatory approval in Europe and the US in 2007.

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# SPECIAL REPORT How Argyll troops deal with the constant threat of

## 'Wild West'



**DANGER ZONE:** Argyll troops on patrol in Musa Qala, where the situation can switch from 'smiles and waves to violence in less than a minute'

SOLDIERS from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) have given an insight into the "Wild West" territory where they are based in southern Afghanistan.

Delta Company of the Argylls operate in the tinderbox of Musa Qala, a town to the north west of Helmand Province. It was fiercely fought over last year and the Afghan National Army (ANA), supported by the International Stabilisation Assistance Force (ISAF), finally made the Taliban leave in December.

Life there is tough for the soldiers and the constant threat of attack is all around them, every minute of every day.

Captain Stevie Rae, 39, spokesman for 5 Scots, explained: "The area is extremely dangerous and can go from smiles and a wave to



By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

with the British Army in Helmand Province

extreme violence in less than a minute, so all the soldiers are switched on and prepared to react to any situation.

"This is the Wild West and the further you go out from Musa Qala it is the rule of the gun that counts. The Taliban are here and are making themselves known with attacks on Afghan and British forces.

"The area is, however, making slow but steady progress with a new school, new health centre, a new mosque, new roads and a busy

## The battle for hearts and minds continues

FIGHTING continues in Afghanistan seven years after an invasion to topple the Taliban regime. However, the emphasis has now shifted from destroying the insurgency to winning over everyday Afghans.

That is why reconstructing Helmand Province is the number one priority of 16 Air Assault Brigade, according to Captain Martin Wilson, 41, of 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault).

The father-of four from Dover said projects to build schools, hospitals and mosques were more important than combat missions.

"Ultimately the brigade is here to work towards the reconstruction and development of the nation," he said, speaking from the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

"It's in the mission statement for the commander. The whole reason we're here is to deliver that on behalf of him."

Britain has spent a total of \$19.5 million (about £10m) in the last 12 months on reconstruction projects in Helmand Province. A total of 10 schools (some built by the Danish), six mosques, nine



**REBUILDING:** Captain Martin Wilson says work is far from done for the British troops

roads, four health clinics and hospitals and six police stations have been constructed in that time.

On top of that, Royal Engineers have been mentoring Afghan construction firms on how to put forward better tenders so as to stimulate the industry.

"We've got to a stage now where it's beginning to blossom," said Capt Wilson, who is married to childhood sweetheart Ann, also from Dover.

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# ambush in the enemy's former stronghold of Musa Qala home to Taliban

bazaar twice a week. There is also a cash for workers scheme, which the local community engage in for employment."

Capt Rae said the town has security check points all around it, manned by the Afghan National Police, who will stop and search vehicles.

There is also a further security ring further out from the town of patrol bases. Further to the west is Forward Operating Base (FOB) Edinburg.

Home to Delta Company is a large compound called the District Centre (DC), which is heavily fortified and soldiers are constantly observing the area for signs of the Taliban.

An old hotel is within the DC and the previous occupants were the Taliban – their drawings and messages still adorn the walls and are on the ceiling.

As with any other austere base, the living arrangements include sleeping in a mosquito net, no flushing toilets and a fine dust that

that gets all over soldiers' bodies, in weapons and equipment.

The soldiers patrol, eat, do sentry duty and sleep in the dusty, extremely hot conditions.

Capt Rae said: "Going on patrol into the Green Zone is as beautiful as it is dangerous. We call it the Green Zone because it is a chequered mass of green fields and trees all close to the river. As you go further away from the river it becomes desert and there is no respite from the sun."

## Cover

"Branching off from the river are irrigation ditches that provide rat runs for the Taliban and good cover from small arms fire, as well as water to feed the crops. The locals work to channel the water for their fields and keep their crops alive, sometimes working up to 16 hours a day. The locals live a simple life and time passes slowly for them."

But he added: "They are well versed in con-

flict and before something happens, women and children can be seen moving away from where the Taliban and ourselves converge. They will wait in a safe wadi and return once the fighting has finished, unfazed."

"They stay in compounds which are made of baked mud and are incredibly tough, are about 10-foot high and two-foot thick. Contained within the compound will be a few mud-baked buildings, some livestock, possibly a tree and some flowers."

The main threats around the Musa Qala area is from the improvised explosive device (IED), as well as suicide bombers. The fanatics wear explosives belts or simply pack a vehicle full of explosives and drive it towards a patrol or base.

The Argylls return from Afghanistan in September and October.

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## Pals mourn a true professional

COLLEAGUES of a soldier killed in Afghanistan have paid tribute to him.

Lance Corporal James 'Jimmy' Johnson, who was born in Chatham, was killed on June 28 by an anti-personnel mine while he was part of a vehicle checkpoint patrol in the Lashkar Gar area of Helmand Province.

The 31-year-old was a sniper with 'B' Company of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots), based at Howe Barracks in Canterbury. Scott McFadden, 27, Lance Corp Johnson's platoon sergeant, said he first knew something was wrong when he heard a British soldier had been killed over the radio system.

"I got onto the radio to make sure it wasn't one of my boys, but unfortunately it was," he said.

"Apart from his best mate, Scott Showell, I probably knew him best out of everyone. I had to break the news to the platoon and it was hard not to cry."

Within an hour of his death, the soldiers silently gathered by Lance Corp Johnson's empty bed and started packing away his belongings.

The sadness was lifted momentarily when they discovered a series of photos on Lance Corp Johnson's computer, to which he had given funny captions. "That pretty much broke the ice," said Sgt McFadden.



**SORELY MISSED: Jimmy Johnson helps an Afghan child injured in a bomb blast**

He added: "In work, Jimmy was very quiet, but very knowledgeable. He was a sniper so he was a very good soldier."

"Out of work he was a party animal – he was a Jekyll and Hyde type."

He said Lance Corp Johnson's platoon planned to mark his death in some way when they return to Canterbury, but they have not yet planned what to do.

'B' Company's Sergeant Major Davie Robertson said of Lance Corp Johnson: "He was a highly professional guy, quite a conscious guy and quiet. He was very good at what he did and he did it in a quiet manner."

He added: "The only consolation we can take from it is he was killed instantly so he wouldn't have known anything about it."

Sgt Major Robertson was in the operations room when the call came over the radio that there had been a casualty. It soon emerged that it had been fatal.

"It was a sense of dejection," he said. "It brought the reality of what we're doing home."

Sgt Major Robertson said it was crucial for company's NCOs (non-commissioned officers) to immediately talk to the soldiers to prevent them from dwelling on what had happened.

"There's always a danger after something like that of a follow-up, so they have to be on their toes," he said.

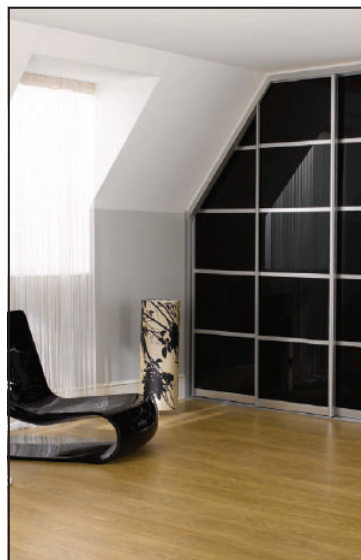
"You have to forget your emotions and concentrate on seeing the guys are alright."

Lance Corp Johnson, a father-of-one, had a funeral with full military honours at Barham crematorium last month.

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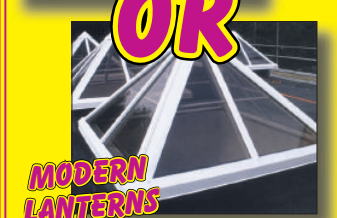
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# Guy's artistic vision tames the Dragons

By **SIMON ROBINSON**

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SCULPTOR Guy Portelli is ready to create his biggest exhibition to date after securing an £80,000 investment on hit TV show Dragons' Den.

The established artist, who studied at Medway College of Art, will set to work on his Pop Icons project – featuring artists such as Amy Winehouse and John Lennon – having gained the financial backing of three Dragons on Tuesday night's show.

Mr Portelli, from Tonbridge, offered the BBC show's five multi-millionaire prospective investors 25 per cent of the exhibition's profits in exchange for £70,000.

At one point it seemed all the business gurus were willing to back the sculptor's idea, with Scottish entrepreneur Duncan Bannatyne even tabling a £90,000 deal.

However, Mr Portelli eventually opted for a three-way split with Theo Paphitis, Peter Jones and James Caan.

Speaking to the BBC after successfully venturing into the intimidating Dragons' Den, the sculptor said he was surprised to even appear on the show.

He said: "Not in my wildest dreams did I think I'd be on the programme. It was almost a spiritual experience. I woke up on Easter



**NICE WORK:** Guy Portelli persuaded three Dragons' Den investors to back him

morning, sent in my idea and within four weeks I was in the Den."

Talking of his time in front of the Dragons, Mr Portelli said: "It's a bit like being a rabbit in the headlights. You are stunned into silence but at the same time your brain is running at 100 miles an hour."

"I had the three Dragons I wanted, so I thought I'd make them a proposal of £80,000. I think they were quite amused by that."

Dragons' Den, an international format which was originally launched in Japan, was first broadcast on the BBC in January 2005 and is now in its sixth series.

Entrepreneurs pitch for investment from five venture capitalists who invest their own money in exchange for equity. Medway College of Art is now known as the University of Creative Arts.



**NO HIDING PLACE:** Mr Portelli said facing the Dragons was "like being a rabbit in the headlights"

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# Help for a hungry planet

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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**RESTAURANTS** are being asked to unite and help in the fight against world hunger.

Many Kent eateries have already signed up to take part in Action Against Hunger's fundraising scheme, which is now in its 10th year.

These include the Hermitage in Folkestone, Blue Bengal in West Wickham, Surin in Ramsgate and the Crown in Bromley.

Bluewater-based chain restaurants Carluccio's and Ed's Easy Diner are also involved. Each restaurant taking part is able to choose how it raises money for the charity.

Blue Bengal owner Abu Chowdhury, pictured left, plans to let his customers pay how much they feel their meals are worth for an evening. He said: "It's just a way of putting something back. We will never see the people who benefit from our money, but that does not mean they are not in our hearts and minds."

"A fiver or £10 is not going to affect our lives much at all, but it could save lives in countries that do not have much food."

"We're just a small business trying to do something to help. We all need to show concern for people less fortunate than ourselves around the world."

"We are only here once and we cannot take anything with us, so why not put some of it to good use?"

The campaign – called Restaurants Against Hunger – raised more than £300,000 in the UK last year.

The target for this year is £450,000 and the charity has assured restaurateurs that every little bit counts.

Nicola Prior, owner of Nic's Restaurant on the Isle of Sheppey, said: "Our customers raised just over £50 but we are only a small

place. We thought it was a good charity and a good cause, especially as we can be so wasteful as a nation."

"We knew every penny counted so we just left an envelope on each table that customers could put some money in, or they could add an extra £1 to their bills."

According to Action Against Hunger, 55 million people worldwide are suffering from malnutrition. Its campaign is being supported by celebrity chefs including Rick Stein and Antonio Carluccio.

A spokesman said: "While we might be able to treat eating as a pastime, for many it is just a necessity."

"The recent cyclone in Burma destroyed more than 3.6 million acres of paddy fields and the nation's rice harvest. An estimated 2.5 million people are still struggling in the aftermath."

"On a wider scale, global prices of staple foods have risen by 80 per cent in the last three years and the World Food Programme has warned it no longer has enough funds to keep global malnutrition at bay."

• **Restaurateurs interested in signing up can visit [www.restaurantsagainsthunger.org](http://www.restaurantsagainsthunger.org) or call 020 82936190.**



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## Raids target rogue gangmasters

GANGMASTERS could have their licences revoked after surprise raids on 20 businesses across Kent this week.

The Gangmaster Licensing Authority (GLA), a government body that regulates gangmasters and protects the rights of worker, carried out 26 unannounced inspections in the county.

Paul Whitehouse, chairman of the authority, issued a warning to employers of packers and pickers of produce.

"The GLA is intent on catching the rogues and protecting the workers," he said.

"We are not finished in Kent – we will be back."

The inspections were focused on firms supplying workers of mainly Indian, Pakistani, Polish and Nepalese backgrounds.

During the raids an unlicensed gangmaster was found and issued with an enforcement notice.

Four businesses that had contracted workers from an unlicensed gangmaster also received enforcement notices.

A spokeswoman for the GLA said no further information could be released until the authority completed investigations into a series of allegations including withholding wages, workers not receiving holiday pay, agricul-

tural minimum wage not being paid to workers and employees who had not taken any holiday in more than a year.

The GLA is focusing Operation Ajax on the supply of workers to pick and pack fruit and herbs grown in the county.

Mr Whitehouse added: "The reputable businesses were delighted to see us protecting their interests and share our determination to rid the industry of the rogues."

"Today it was Kent, tomorrow somewhere else; no rogue, no matter where they are, is safe from the clutches of the GLA."

# Chronic fatigue and pain illness under spotlight

By JENNA PUDELEK

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A SUFFERER of a chronic pain and fatigue condition from Kent has shared her story ahead of a national awareness drive.

An awareness week for the debilitating syndrome, Fibromyalgia, is being held from September 7.

The disorder can be brought on by physical and emotional trauma.

Sally Russell, who lives in Dartford, was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia two years ago, but believes it could have been triggered by a serious car accident she had when she was just 17.

The 58-year-old said: "I was thrown out of the car and landed on my back – I was very lucky to be alive."

"I think my problems could have started as far back as that."

The civil servant said she suffers from a tingling sensation in her hands and feet, but she also has arthritis which makes it even more painful to walk.

"Some days just to lift up my feet and walk on the pavement feels like a step too far," she said.

"For me it starts off worst in the morning and I really struggle to get out of bed. One of the things about the fatigue is that you do not sleep, you are always just dreaming and they [the dreams] can be quite upsetting."

Her doctor told her for years that the pain and fatigue were just "wear and tear" and getting older, she said.

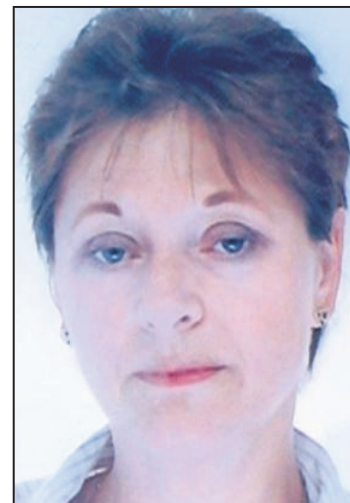
"It was so frustrating," said Mrs Russell. "One of the things they say is that, 'you look so well, how can you feel so bad?'. People expect more if you look well."

KOS Media received a flood of letters from readers last time we published a story about Fibromyalgia, from readers eager to find out more and welcoming the fact the syndrome had been highlighted.

Fibromyalgia is diagnosed if the patient has experienced widespread pain for more than three months, in at least 11 of the 18 specified tender points when pressed, the Fibromyalgia Association UK states.

Current treatment aims to ease the symptoms by reducing pain and increasing sleep, but there is not a cure for the condition itself.

Mrs Russell has tried various prescription drugs from her doctor but found that



**RAISING AWARENESS:** Sally Russell says many people suffer from Fibromyalgia for years without even knowing it

although antidepressants helped her sleep she felt even more tired throughout the day.

She said she has problems with her memory and worries about the long-term side effects of taking the pain relief drugs.

But she has managed to stay at work part-time with the condition.

She has also tried various alternative remedies. The hydrotherapy she receives at Darent Valley Hospital helps with pain and also found aromatherapy relaxing, she said.

"It is hard to diagnose and people have it for years. It is definitely important to raise awareness about the condition," Mrs Russell added.

More than 460 people across the county go to support groups in association with UK Fibromyalgia, a charity that supports people with the condition.

Mrs Russell goes to a support group in Medway run by Margaret Dobson.

• For details of a Kent support group for Fibromyalgia call Mrs Dobson on 01634 865925.

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## NHS appeals for hygiene innovation from businesses

# United front in fight against superbugs

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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ENTREPRENEURS and businesses in Kent with products or technologies that could help prevent the spread of superbugs have been invited to take part in a new programme by the NHS.

NHS Innovations South East, which helps health service inventors promote their ideas, said it believed industry could play an active role in helping combat the killer infections.

It said automotive, IT, food and drink, engineering and manufacturing firms could help the NHS beat the bugs.

The Office for National Statistics announced on Thursday that the number of death certificates in England and Wales mentioning *Clostridium difficile* (C diff) increased by 28 per cent in 2007.

Deaths from the superbug have risen year on year since 1999, the authority found.

KOS Media has been running a hand hygiene campaign highlighting that simply washing your hands can help stop the spread of superbugs.

We have been working with the NHS to raise awareness about how infections spread



and good control and prevention methods.

Reducing healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) such as C diff and MRSA is one of the top priorities for the NHS and the Department of Health believes new technologies and equipment, as well as good hygiene practices, can help it achieve its targets more quickly.

Jo James, chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "My view is that MRSA and C diff are problems the NHS has not managed to find a solution to yet – and they are growing problems."

"Why not look to industry and call on the experience that is there? This is not just a hospital problem, it affects us all."

"There are industries where they have lots of things already there and many experts dealing with the problem [of infection control and prevention]. It is a great initiative to

look outside for help to combat superbugs." The chamber is an independent body that was set up to support business growth and enterprise in Kent.

NHS Innovations South East is one of nine hubs across the country. The Smart Solutions scheme is being run nationally by NHS Innovations North West.

Brian Griffiths, the project director, said: "Our aim is to find the most effective solutions to control HCAIs and we are keeping an open mind as to where these could come from. Whether it is a product from a medical company, something developed for a completely different purpose or even an idea from an inventor in the spare room, we will assess its potential."

Dr Sara Mumford, director of infection prevention and control at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, said: "This is a positive and welcome initiative. If companies come up with potentially effective ways of combating infections we are always willing to take part in trials of new products."

**• If you think you have an idea that could help in the NHS battle to beat superbugs, visit [www.smartsolutionsforhcai.co.uk](http://www.smartsolutionsforhcai.co.uk).**



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## Blindness risk from fake vodka

A COUNTERFEIT brand of vodka which can cause blindness could be on sale in Tonbridge and Malling.

The Food Standards Agency has contacted the borough council with a warning that fake bottles of Spar Imperial may have reached the area. Shops were found to be unwittingly selling 70cl versions in Islington, London.



**BEWARE: The fake Imperial vodka labels on the left**

which are not being sold in Spar stores, contain potentially harmful levels of methanol that can lead to serious health effects including blindness.

Cllr Owen Baldock, borough council cabinet member for environmental health, said: "To be on the safe side we urge all residents to not buy Imperial vodka from any shop other than Spar."

"We also advise people to check at home that any Imperial vodka they own is authentic."

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The summer may be starting to wind down, but there are still plenty of bikers on Kent's roads trying to make the most of the longer evenings. That's why Kent Highway Services, along with Kent Police and other road safety partners, are about to begin their autumn motorcycling road safety campaign to reduce death and serious injury on our county's roads.

This campaign follows on from the successful summer campaign and aims to educate both bikers and motorists, so that bikers can enjoy their bikes and go home safely at the end of the day.

We'll be visiting major motorcycling events, along with Kent Police, to talk to riders and offer help and advice, and we're encouraging all riders to log on to [www.ridewithattitude.com](http://www.ridewithattitude.com)

a website that is written by bikers, for bikers, in Kent and Medway.

Kent Police will also be targeting speeding riders on roads where motorcyclists have been killed or injured in the past and at sites associated with anti-social or dangerous riding.

If you're a motorist, you can help the campaign by being more aware of bikers on the road. Most fatal crashes happen at road junctions, particularly T junctions, and one of the main reasons for collisions is motorists looking but failing to 'see' riders.

For more information about our work on road safety, you can contact us on **08458 247 800** or visit the website at [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

## Road markings - making Kent safer!



If you're a driver, markings on the road will be an integral part of every journey, but did you know that they've come a long way from their first use in 1921?

In the early days, simple white lines were used to separate traffic, but road markings now have a range of functions that contribute towards keeping Kent's roads safe. First and foremost, they give drivers information and instructions that might not be effectively conveyed by signs alone. Markings also have the advantage that they can provide continuous information that signs can't.

However, they don't just give information - when they're run across the road, they serve as noise generators to alert drivers that they need to slow down, for example, at the

approach to roundabouts. Markings are also used on the hard shoulders of roads as a method of attempting to wake sleepy drivers if they drift out of the lane.

The technology of markings has come a long way too and they can now be made in paint, thermoplastic, plastic or epoxy and can be laid hot, cold or as a preformed tape, to achieve the best result for the purpose. White and yellow lines are also reflective now, an effect that is created by adding spherical glass beads to the marking mixture.

Kent Highway Services maintains and repairs road markings throughout the county, so if you see fading lines, please let us know by calling us on **08458 247 800** or visit the website at [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

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## On the highway to excellence

Did you know that Kent Highway Services is made up of four partners who work together to deliver a comprehensive service for Kent? An important part of working together is making sure that every partner continually improves the way that they operate.

One of our partners is Ringway and they have recently introduced the Highways to Excellence training scheme. Around 400 personnel have undertaken the training already and positive feedback about their performance has increased from 61% in January/February to 84% in March/April.

The training looks at adding value by improving the level of customer service, paying greater attention to detail to deliver a higher quality service and making the best use of time when works are being carried out.

We know that training is an important part of improving the way that we deliver our service and, as part of that, we're always keen to receive feedback. If you want to get in touch, you can contact us on **08458 247 800** or find out more about the way we operate at [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

## Travel Update

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.



<b>Tonbridge &amp; Malling</b>	<b>Start</b> 1.9.08	<b>Finish</b> 1.9.08	<b>Road</b> A228 Castle Way, Leybourne	<b>Reason</b> Temporary traffic lights - carriageway works
<b>Thanet</b>	<b>Start</b> 1.9.08	<b>Finish</b> 22.9.08	<b>Road</b> Spratling Street, Ramsgate	<b>Reason</b> Temporary traffic lights - carriageway works
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	<b>Start</b> 1.9.08	<b>Finish</b> 23.9.08	<b>Road</b> Hartley Road, Westerham	<b>Reason</b> Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
<b>Dartford</b>	<b>Start</b> 3.9.08	<b>Finish</b> 24.10.08	<b>Road</b> Church Hill, Wilmington	<b>Reason</b> Temporary traffic lights - new water mains
<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Start</b> 4.9.08	<b>Finish</b> 5.9.08	<b>Road</b> A20 Ashford Road, Maidstone	<b>Reason</b> Temporary traffic lights - bridge works
<b>Ashford</b>	<b>Start</b> 8.9.08	<b>Finish</b> 6.10.08	<b>Road</b> Bethersden Road, Smarden	<b>Reason</b> Road closure - energy supply works

For details of other roadworks in Kent please visit [www.kent.gov.uk/travel](http://www.kent.gov.uk/travel)

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# Join the birthday parade

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A HUNDRED years of the Territorial Army will be celebrated with a parade through Canterbury next Saturday.

With band members playing and colours and old comrades' standards flying, hundreds of serving and veteran members of the TA are expected to join in the festivities.

The TA 100 celebrations are being supported by the Lieutenantancy of Kent, and Lord Lieutenant Allan Willett said he was delighted to be involved.

He said: "Demonstrating our support for our servicemen and women is not about politics or whether people are for or against the military action – it's about demonstrating our fellow-feeling for the sons and daughters of Kent who have served and continue to serve the nation so well."

"They are a great asset to our county and the nation and they all deserve our heartfelt thanks and greater public support."

## On the march

Past and present TA members will be joined by other volunteer reserves and cadets on the march, which is due to begin at 10.50am in Pound Lane.

The procession will make its way through St Peter's Street and the High Street, to the junction with Butchery Lane for the salute.

It will then continue via the Longmarket, Burgate and the Buttermarket before arriving at Canterbury Cathedral for a service.

At the end of the parade the band will continue to play for shoppers in the Longmarket area.



**DUTIES:** The band of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR) marching through Canterbury – as it will lead the parade next Saturday. The Lord Lieutenant, Allan Willett, right, with Kent TA soldiers from the 3rd Battalion PWRR, of which he is Honorary Colonel.

The march is the latest in a series of events lined up to mark the centenary of the TA in Kent. Chatham's Historic Dockyard hosted a joint Veterans' Day and TA celebration on July 5, while there was also a military presence at the County Show, Maidstone, between July 11 and 13.

Mr Willett said people up and down the country would be marking the centenary in some way: "Celebrating this great milestone is important. Many of Kent's Territorial soldiers fought in the two world wars and the thread of service continues through to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan today."

Originally known as the Territorial Force,

the TA was formed on April 1, 1908, by then-war minister Richard Burdon Haldane following the reorganisation of the old Volunteer Army.

It contained 14 infantry divisions and 14 mounted yeomanry brigades, and had an overall strength of about 269,000. Today that figure has fallen to just over 30,000.

The TA has a significant presence in Kent, including in the 3rd Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, in Canterbury. It also has a platoon at Dover and a rifle company and assault pioneer platoon in Rochester, and members at bases in Tunbridge Wells, Ditton, and Ashford.



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# Investigation call by parliamentary hopeful 'NHS cannot be complacent on discrimination'



ACTION: Helen Grant

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A BLACK politician has called for further investigation into the working conditions for ethnic minority staff in the health service.

Helen Grant's comments come after new research carried out across the South East Coast Strategic Health Authority (SHA), which covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, suggested health workers face widespread discrimination.

The Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and The Weald said: "There is good practice out there, but we cannot be complacent."

"It is not just in the health sector, it is across the board. My view is, as a lawyer and a woman with experience in the health service, there are problems across all the equality strands including gender, age, disability, sexual orientation and religion."

"It is about social justice – that is very important. We have got to have that and that is rooted in equality of opportunity and providing a level playing field."

"The knock-on effect will be a better, stronger society and that in turn with bring improvement in services."

Kent on Sunday reported last week how the Race Equality Service Review conducted by Dr Vivienne Lyfar-Cissé, chair of the South East Coast Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Network, found that a disproportionately high number of BME workers were involved in bullying and harassment, grievance and disciplinary procedures.

The report found there was significant under-representation of BME executive and leaders and a disproportionately high amount were working at levels just below middle management.

"There are no surprises here," Ms Grant said. "I think the report actually confirms what has been fairly widely known in the NHS and beyond for years."

She said although the Department of Health had been working with SHAs, primary care trusts (PCTs) and acute trusts to address the concerns there was still a long way to go before a level playing field was created for all working in the NHS.

Ms Grant, who has previously worked as a non-executive director on Croydon PCT's board, said: "Reports



CONCERN: Our front page report last week

such as this one are very important and we need more of them because they allow for questions to be asked. "When the questions are asked people see exactly where we have got to or where we have not."

"I think the key issue here is to have strong leaders who are prepared and able to take the legal requirements seriously, not just pay lip service to them."

"Strong chairs, execs and non-exec's who get hold of worrying issues and address them – that is key and that is what came out of the report for me."

At Croydon, Ms Grant worked with two other women from BME backgrounds. However, in Kent the report found that Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, East Kent Hospitals Trust and Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT had all-white British boards.



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**NO POINT:** Road bosses say accident records do not support the call for a 20mph blanket speed limit on routes outside schools

# Highway chiefs turn down 20mph speed limit outside schools

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A BLANKET 20mph speed limit outside schools will not reduce the number of child casualties in Kent, say road bosses.

Kent Highway Services looked carefully at crash statistics for three areas covering 154 schools and reported there was little justification for implementing compulsory restrictions.

Its findings were supported by the county council's cabinet member for highways, Cllr Keith Ferrin.

He said: "There have been calls in the past for a blanket speed limit outside schools, but we have always rejected them on the basis that the accident records do not support them."

"In fact, children are safer the closer they are to school. What tends to worry parents the most is all the traffic congestion around schools, but that obviously means vehicles cannot move very quickly."

"It also means passing motorists can stop a lot easier because they are moving slowly anyway."

## Deaths

"We are not prepared to consider a blanket speed limit because it makes no road safety sense at all."

"I challenge anyone to drive along a road outside a school at 20mph because normally you can't."

In preparing their report for Kent County Council's highways advisory board, Kent Highways officers found that within the three areas studied there were two deaths in three years at times when children were arriving and leaving school.

There were a further 18 serious injuries caused and 191 slight. However, within 300m either side of the school gates, these numbers fell to no deaths, four serious and 32 slight.

The figures were recorded between 2005 and 2007, excluding weekends and August. A further study of all child pedestrian

deaths for the last 10 years showed that of the 29 that occurred, none were within 300m of the school gate at the start or finish of the day.

Were a blanket limit to be introduced, it would cost taxpayers £4.1 million for measures such as signs for the county's 611 schools.

The report concluded: "There appears to be no case for implementing a countywide policy for the introduction of 20mph speed limits outside all Kent's schools."

"Crash savings would be minimal and unlikely to significantly contribute to any new crash reduction target."

"The cost is prohibitive, the speed limits would be unenforceable and the time frame to implement such a policy excessive."

Despite the findings, head teachers who feel there should be 20mph limits outside their school are welcome to present their case to Kent Highways.

Cllr Ferrin said: "What we have said is that if there are any schools that have accident records that would justify it, we would consider it."

"However, I do not believe there are any."

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# Boy stung by deadly jellyfish

AN EIGHT-year-old boy has been left with throbbing red marks after he was attacked by a Portuguese Man of War - while on holiday in Devon.

Jonathan Asplin, from Tonbridge, was rushed to hospital after the jellyfish, which are usually found in the Caribbean, stung him. Their venom can be deadly.

But the schoolboy was lucky as he was wearing a wetsuit down to his knees while on the beach at Woolacombe.

At least 16 of the creatures, have been seen in Britain this summer and experts say climate change means numbers are increasing.



# Gills fans make a stand

## Row over plan to cut seats to reduce policing costs

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A DECISION to close part of Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium has angered fans, who have been asked to switch seats after just one league game.

From this weekend only away supporters will be allowed to sit in the previously-shared Brian Moore Stand after the club announced it did not want to pay for extra police to separate rival fans.

Some of those affected are season ticket holders who paid £220 to sit in the stand, which is more commonly known as the Town End.

Floods of complaints were posted on the club's official message board, with some saying they would not renew their tickets next year.

### Ludicrous

Gills Independent Supporters Club chairman Gary Liptrott, who sits in the Gordon Road Stand, said he could understand where they were coming from.

He said: "Obviously it's a little unfair on the supporters because they have shown a preference to sit up the Town End, and it seems ludicrous to introduce this change just one game into the season."

"We're going to miss that support and I think it will have a big impact on the team because when they are attacking that end we won't have anyone there to cheer them on."

Gillingham have played at Priestfield

since the club's formation in 1893, and home supporters have always had a presence at the Town End.

The terrace was extended in the 1950s but was otherwise untouched until it was demolished and replaced with the temporary, uncovered Brian Moore Stand in summer 2004.

It is named after the late former ITV commentator who was once a director at the club.

Some Town End supporters chose to target Gills chairman Paul Scally during their criticism of the change on the club's website.

Gillsmungus wrote: "Never in my time supporting the club have I ever known there to be no Town End."

"I saw my first game from that end and the fans who sit there are just as passionate about 'their end' as the Rainham Enders. It's a sad day for this support. Mr Scally, you need to be ashamed."

Priestfield Stadium has a capacity of about

11,500 but the opening game of this season – against Luton Town – attracted just 5,339 supporters, of which about 1,000 were travelling supporters.

Chief executive Mark Jones said if the team is successful this season and attendances rise, the Town End decision may be reversed.

He added: "We hope to operate as many police-free games as we can this year, and we also felt we needed to reduce the cost of stew-arding for that part of the ground."

"But this is only for the time being and is under constant review. I understand why supporters will be upset but we have to run the club as best we can at the moment."

"We want to spend money building a team that will be challenging for promotion, so we need to save it in other areas."



**CUTBACKS:** The Priestfield Stadium's capacity will be reduced in the Town End

## Health trust sets date for joining up of services

A CONTROVERSIAL shake-up of emergency healthcare in west Kent will go ahead next May, hospital bosses have announced.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust officially agreed to centralise A&E surgery and orthopaedic services in one 'centre of expertise' at its board meeting on Wednesday.

Patients needing emergency general and orthopaedic surgery will be cared for at Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells. The trust's proposals faced widespread objections from residents and GPs in Maidstone when they were first presented two years ago.

But a review by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel last year agreed with the trust that the changes would improve the quality and safety of patient care.

Consultant general surgeon Philip Bentley told the board this week: "From a surgical point of view the overwhelming reason for change is to improve the quality of service for patients."

"Trusts around us are concentrating acute emergency services in surgery and trauma and orthopaedics on one site to improve the patient experience and the quality of care they receive."

"Similarly, if we concentrate planned services we can provide a better quality of service for our patients."

"If we don't reconfigure we will fall even further behind neighbouring trusts who have already reconfigured these services to the benefit of their patients."

Maidstone Hospital will be the trust's 'centre of expertise' for planned operations or elective surgery.

Glenn Douglas, the trust's chief executive, added: "Centralising services will not see the demise of any of our hospitals, but it will provide our patients with better access to a greater level of expertise and experience."

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# Place of your own as pub thinks pink

By **CHRIS MURPHY**  
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BRITAIN'S first organised under-18s night for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people is being held in Maidstone.

Gay pub the Queen Anne, in Queen Anne Road, will be hosting the night, which is strictly for those who are over 16 and under 18 years of age.

It takes place on Tuesday from 8pm. Organiser Jamie Smirk, 16, from Rainham, said: "There really is nothing for us to do in Maidstone and I felt this would be an ideal way to start a new movement."

"It could be very popular, but this will be the first time something like this has been tried, so I am very nervous about it."

"I hope plenty of people come along, but as with every new event it will take time for word to spread."

Mr Smirk said that Tuesday night is a trial, but the hope is to turn it into a regular event

## Turn nasty

"We really do need something to do in the area," he added. "We are not always welcome at other places and it can sometimes turn nasty if someone mentions they are gay."

"I would also welcome anyone who is over 18, but this really is primarily aimed at those aged 16 to 18 looking for somewhere to get together and chat."

"I have been telling everyone there is no drinking allowed."

The landlord of the pub, Tim Cross, said: "I'm looking forward to it. It has been billed at the first event of its kind in the UK and I certainly haven't heard of any others."

"Gay teenagers in this area don't have much to do as a group, so an event like this could easily turn into a regular thing if it goes well."

He added: "The nightclubs in Maidstone have under-18s nights for straight people, so we thought it would be great to have an under-18s night for the gay community."

"If the evening turns out to be a success – and there's no real reason why it won't – then we'll do it again."

"Our licence already says we can have 16-

year-olds plus, so we didn't need to ask for permission for this event, which makes it easier."

"It would be good for the youngsters to have a meeting place that is easy to publicise with the internet."

"There was nothing like that when I was their age, which does make life hard. It is much easier to make contact now, and evenings like this are just an extension of that."

However, a spokesman for Stonewall, the national lobby group for gay equality, said the organisation would prefer it if the event took place in a different setting.

"We would back events like this, but not if they are being held in a pub."

"We have too many concerns about under-age drinking. It would need to be properly organised and monitored. A better location would have been somewhere like a youth club."

Mr Cross said: "There will be no alcohol served to those under age at this event – I have made that very clear and the organisers are happy with that decision."

The law regarding the age of gay sex consent was changed in 2000 to 16 to bring it in line with heterosexuals.

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VENUE: The Queen Anne pub in Maidstone will host the UK's first under-18s night for young gay, lesbian and transgender people



OPEN DOOR: Landlord Tim Cross and partner Robbie Collis outside the Queen Anne, which will host the under-18s night, organised by Jamie Smirk (inset)

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# Time for the NHS to listen

## Call to improve services for patients with learning difficulties

PEOPLE in Kent have spoken out about the problems they face accessing healthcare after an independent inquiry found the NHS is failing those with learning disabilities.

Many medical professionals have no idea how to treat people with learning disabilities, who face widespread ignorance and indifference throughout healthcare services, a recent report by Mencap found.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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The charity reported on the premature deaths of six people with learning disabilities, which it found were caused through neglect by the NHS. That sparked an independent inquiry, which was published in July, and found the deaths were not isolated incidents.

Voice 4 Kent, a self-advocacy group run by people with learning disabilities, claim doctors throughout the county often ignore them during

consultations and fail to listen enough to the patients, carers or parents.

Dawn Johnson, who lives in Ashford and has a mild learning disability, said: "Doctors do not take enough time. Every person with a learning disability should have a health action plan and sometimes they don't."

Under a Department of Health directive the plans, which include details for individuals on how to stay healthy and where get help if they are unwell, should have been in place by June 2005.

This week, the health watchdog revealed it would be carrying on unannounced visits at 48 specialist inpatient learning disability services after an investigation last year flagged up "unacceptable variations" in the quality of provision.

The Healthcare Commission found safety and quality of care was not up to standard in many of the inpatient services for people with learning disabilities.

People with learning disabilities get worse healthcare than the non-disabled, an investigation by the Disability Rights Commission revealed, which showed they received fewer screening tests, fewer health investigations and were less likely to get the care they need.

Shockingly, during the inquiry the commission found "complacency and a lazy fatalism that these groups just do die younger".

### Confusing

Miss Johnson, who is a director of Voice 4 Kent, works as a volunteer at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, and has been campaigning to improve healthcare for people with learning disabilities in the county for three years.

"All hospitals and primary care trusts (PCTs) should have a learning disability team," she said.

"Signs should be big and clear. In some of the hospitals they are, but in others they are not. I've been to the Medway Maritime Hospital and the signs are confusing."

Being Seen Being Heard, a community company run by people with learning disabilities, provides training in learning dis-

abilities to GPs in east Kent through presentations and information booklets.

Alex Watt, who takes part in the presentations and role-play activities, said: "We tell them how to make a more efficient health service. It is that they do not understand people with learning disabilities, but that they do need to pay more attention to us."

"People feel ignored. Doctors sometimes pay more attention to the carer than the patient. They are not treated like an individual person and we point out that's wrong."

Miss Johnson said she wanted to see more people with learning disabilities getting directly involved with the health service.

"I want them to be more willing to take part in patient groups. We do have a voice but it needs to be heard more."

She added: "Some things have got better and others have not. I'm a good role model for that hospital [the William Harvey] and it shows they want to understand people with learning disabilities. But there needs to be something in west Kent."

The inquiry, Healthcare for All, carried out by former NHS chief executive, Sir Jonathan Michael, called for annual health checks for the 1.5 million people with learning disabilities nationally, so that early signs of illness could be picked up.

Evidence was found showing a "significant level of avoidable suffering and a high likelihood that there are deaths occurring which could be avoided".

It said tougher inspection of hospital trusts and PCTs, better training and improved management was needed to ensure patients with learning disabilities get equal treatment.

A spokesman for Eastern and Coastal Kent and West Kent PCTs said the NHS organisations worked closely with Voice 4 Kent and the Kent Good Health Group, which is co-chaired with Miss Johnson.

The PCTs have invested in providing health facilitators and hospital practice development nurses to ensure other staff know how to care for people with learning disabilities, he said.

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**SUPPORT:** Dawn Johnson (seated) with members of the team at Voice 4 Kent, which aims to help people with learning disabilities receive better treatment from the NHS

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# Stark reality behind cancer jab campaign

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A STARK warning about the continuing rise of sexually transmitted diseases has been issued by the county's public health director.

Meradin Peachey has spoken out as the Government prepares to launch one of the biggest public health campaigns in British history to protect women from cervical cancer.

Schoolgirls aged 12, 13, 17 and 18 will be the first to benefit from the multi-million pound immunisation programme, which is being rolled out nationally next month.

The vaccine, Cervarix, is 99 per cent effective against two types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmitted disease, which causes 75 per cent of cases of cervical cancer.

Ms Peachey said: "I think one of the messages of this campaign is to think closely about why we are offering it."

"People are having a lot of unsafe sex, which is why they are getting the virus."

Cervical cancer is the second most common form of the disease worldwide and in the UK it kills more than 1,000 women a year.



**SAFETY FIRST:** Meradin Peachey says the cervical cancer jabs campaign (right) should focus young minds on better sexual health

The vaccine is expected to save up to ten lives a year in Kent. But concerns have been raised by parents and faith groups that it will "sexualise" girls from a young age. Some believe it may actually encourage promiscuity. But Ms Peachey said that far from making young women feel less cautious about

sex, it will highlight the dangers of unprotected intercourse.

"People should look very closely at their sexual behaviour. STIs are rising, particularly among young people," she said.

"These vaccines will cover against just one type of infection. Hopefully this will encourage young people to look at contraception advice and lifestyle. It is a really big message for us all."

During trials of the vaccine in Manchester last year, only seven out of 10 parents agreed to let their daughters take part. Asked whether she was concerned parents would not sign consent forms in Kent, Ms Peachey said: "I would be very surprised if there are very many objections to this."

"Jade Goody was recently diagnosed with it (cervical cancer) at a very young age, which has brought it home that it can happen to you. If any parent or young person is concerned, I would advise them to have a chat with their school nurse and make sure they have all the facts."

She said the vaccine was "very safe". For



full immunity, young women need three doses over a period of three months to a year, which costs the NHS about £250 per patient.

Catch-up schemes will be available for schoolgirls who miss out in the first round of inoculations and young women not in education can go to their GP.

The Government is investigating the cost-effectiveness of offering the immunisation programme to women up to 25 years.

But the vaccine is most effective on virgins and the more partners women have the higher the chance they are already infected with HPV, Ms Peachey said.

It was vital for women who have been vaccinated to still have smear tests because 25 per cent of cases are not caused by HPV.

"As rates of HPV go down and fewer boys get it, we will not see as many cases and it will almost be wiped out. But it is very important to continue having cervical smears," she said.

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# Massive crowd enjoys demonstrations You and whose

By **JON COATES**

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THOUSANDS of families flocked to the UK's largest military re-enactment event over the bank holiday weekend.

More than 35,000 people poured into the County Showground in Detling Hill from Saturday to Monday.

They were able to see the conflicts which have shaped the modern world brought to life with a bang at the Military Odyssey.

## Troopers

On a new, larger battlefield, soldiers, tanks and aircraft fought key battles, allowing visitors to witness history unfold first hand.

Living history groups used a small village on the battlefield to create convincing scenery.

A vast array of groups attended, covering diverse periods from the ancient Greeks, Vikings and medieval knights, to Napoleonic troopers, the American Civil War, the two world wars and Vietnam.

With both indoor and outdoor trade stalls and rare vehicles on display, the event offered a full day out for families.

Event organiser, Gary Howard, said: "It went very well. On the Saturday there was good weather, so the crowds were up on last year.

"The abysmal English weather struck on the Sunday, but we had a good turnout on the Monday.

"We were lucky that the aircraft were able to come over despite the adverse weather conditions, and it was quite a sight to see fighter and spotter planes appearing through breaks



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**BATTLEFIELD:**  
Soldiers and weaponry through the ages were on display at Military Odyssey

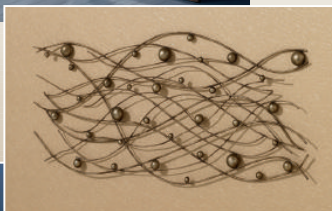


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in the weather over the battlefield.

"All the events happened, there were no problems and we had about 35,500 people attend, which is the same as last year."

He added: "Military Odyssey has gone from strength to strength. We will be back next year looking to put on a show which is even better."

The three-day event attracted many of the top living history groups from across the UK and Europe.

It featured contributions from groups representing Celts, Saxons, Normans, medieval jousting knights, medieval households and



Napoleonic times, which included troopers from Poland, Russia and France.

World War One was represented by aircraft from the Manston Air Museum, along with the 10th Essex, the Birmingham Pals and the Royal Flying Corps contingent.

Visitors were able to find out about life during the Second World War with the airborne Screaming Eagles Living History Group, the 29th Historical Association, LHA, the 514th QM Truck Regiment Re-enactment Group and The Burma Mule Association, with their pack mules and other regiments.

Some of Britain's best Second World War groups joined the Allied Contingent, along with the Red Army's Second Guards and their

Women at Work display, while the German Second Battle Group and other Axis Forces groups also appeared.

There was also the chance to learn more about later conflicts from organisations such as the Warsaw Pact Forces, the Vietnam Special Forces, Airborne and Fire Base groups, the American Infantry Preservation Society, the Desert Storm group and Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

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# Crash pilot does a runner

By **SIMON ROBINSON**

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## Police seek survivor over cannabis charges

A PILOT who was arrested on drugs charges after crashing his plane into someone's back garden has gone on the run from police.

A warrant for Sid Clark's arrest was issued on August 19 after the 58-year-old failed to appear before Maidstone Crown Court.

The pilot, from Barming, was due to face charges of production and possession of cannabis and abstraction of electricity.

The missed court case came just a week after air accident investigators released a report into Mr Clark's plane crash earlier this year.

His Cessna 172M Skyhawk crashed into thick conifer trees bordering a house in Farthing Common, near Hythe, on February 23 this year.

### Impact

The impact sent the plane plummeting to the ground in the back garden of the property, owned by an elderly couple. The plane's right wing, fuel tank and mains electricity cables were torn off during the impact.

Amazingly, Mr Clark, 58, from Barming, and passenger Tim Des Vignes, 53, a convicted drug smuggler on day release from prison, walked away from the wreckage with only minor cuts and bruises.

After the crash Mr Clark said he had been taking his friend Mr Des Vignes on a "pleasure flight" to Dover and back as a treat.

An official report by the Air Accident Investigation Branch after probing the cause of the crash refused to rule out the possibility the pilot's flying skills were affected by the drug.



**LUCKY ESCAPE:** Sid Clark and passenger Tim Des Vignes survived after Cessna plane crashed, just missing Eileen Watling's house Pictures: KNP

The report states: "The possibility that cannabis may have impaired his (Mr Clark's) judgement and/or handling of complex tasks cannot be excluded."

The AAIB investigation found that weather conditions quickly deteriorated after Mr Clark, who qualified for his pilot's licence in 2003, took off in the plane from Rochester Airport.

Having reached Ashford at 3.10pm, the

report found Mr Clark "descended in an attempt to keep below cloud but then found there appeared to be a 'wall of cloud' ahead."

"He decided to turn left towards Rochester and descended in an attempt to remain clear of the cloud. He then saw trees ahead that he was unable to avoid."

The report goes on: "The pilot, in a state-

ment to police, described himself as a regular heavy cannabis user, smoking a large amount each evening.

"Loss of precision skills and slowed reaction are two documented effects of cannabis which make it incompatible with flying."

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# In a pickle over the gherkin



**SKYSCRAPER:** Artist's impression of the Gherkin, which campaigners (inset) say would be a blot on the Gravesend landscape

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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**MORE** than 100 protesters gathered at the site of the proposed Gravesend 'Gherkin' to campaign against the building they say will blight the town's heritage quarter.

Developers want to build a 32-storey high-rise tower with 230 flats as part of a £150 million regeneration of Gravesend town centre. The local authority says it will bring 1,000 new jobs to the area.

But the size and scale of the tower has proven controversial among local residents and a campaign group, Urban Gravesham, has been set up to oppose what it labels an "oversized monster". A petition has collected more than 1,000 signatures against the proposals so far.

On bank holiday Monday, residents, members of the Gravesend Liberal Democrats, Labour borough councillors, members of the business community, Urban Gravesham and the Thames and Medway Canal Association gathered at the West Street site to protest over plans for the 'skyscraper'.

English Heritage said the tower conflicted with guidance on tall buildings in heritage areas and said it would be likely to object to the scheme unless "significant changes" were made.

Jo Howard, the local Lib Dems' housing spokesperson, said: "The proposed tower will be nothing more than a blot on our landscape, casting a long, dark shadow over local residents, whilst making the developers a huge amount of money."

However, another group of residents has set up a campaign group called Yes to Gravesend that is in favour of the proposals.

The project's developer, Edinburgh House Estates, said the scheme will bring

new jobs, a town square, public space, 630 homes, restaurant and leisure facilities, shops, 1,260 car parking spaces and improve the river walkway and links to the river.

A spokesman said residents had been consulted about the plans since they were first proposed as far back as 2003.

"The reason this solution factors in a high-rise tower as part of the project is simply an issue of density," he said.

"The council's development brief needed a certain amount of homes and there is no other way of doing it. The alternative would be to have a series of low-rise units that obscure the river views and probably detract from the heritage even more."

He said the block, with apartments costing roughly £200,000, was a modern, contemporary high-rise and the development as a

whole would give the area 50 per cent more landscaped open space.

But Lib Dem spokesman James Willis said that survey of 100 shoppers in December 2007 and January 2008 found 86 per cent and 79 per cent, respectively, were against the tower proposal.

And Urban Gravesham said, while they are not against the principle of regenerating the area, they do not want the town centre turned into "yet another anonymous shopping centre surrounded by high-rise developments".

Gravesham Borough Council said the planning application was with the authority's independent regulatory board and a decision was expected in November.

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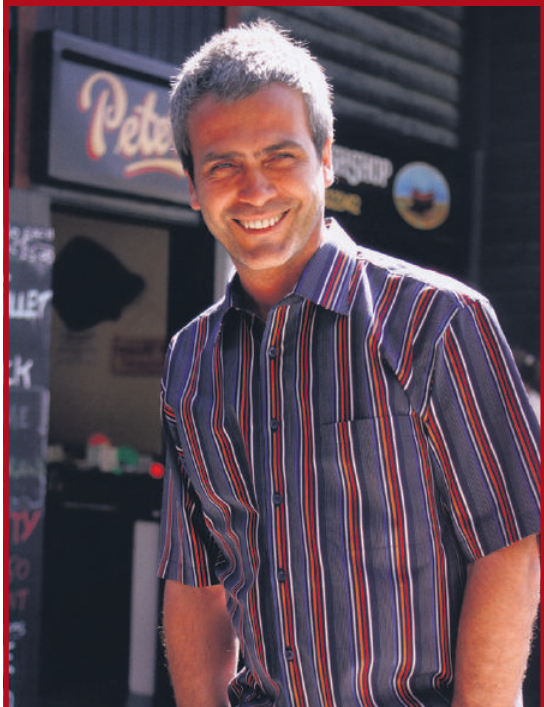
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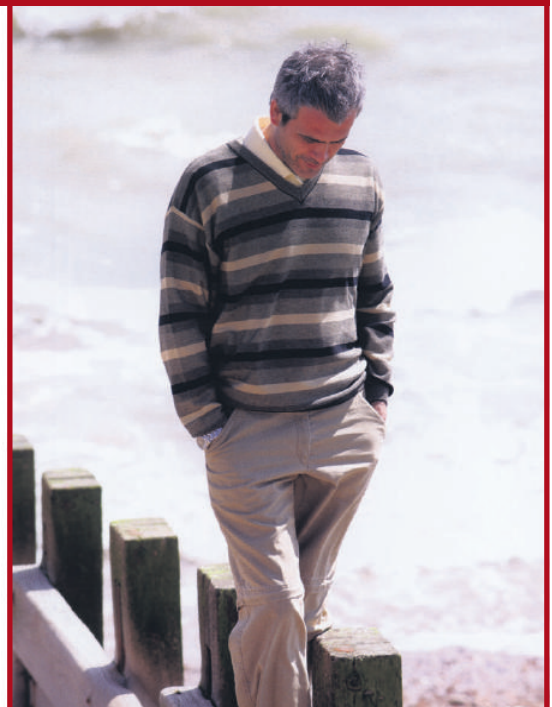
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# KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

## Boris whiff whaff

IF THERE was a league table of the year's most important speeches, the one made by Boris Johnson to mark the handover of the Olympic flag to London would probably rank rather highly.

After all, the sporting spectacle has not been held in the capital since 1948 and Mr Johnson was supposed to be representing the nation when he spoke of his delight at finally getting it back.

That being said, you would expect him to have been 100 per cent certain when he claimed the sport of table tennis was originally called Whiff Whaff when it was invented by the English in the 19th century.

Mr Johnson may have felt pleased with himself when he revealed this little-known "fact" to the watching crowds, but equally foolish when a descendent of the man credited with inventing Ping Pong pointed out his mistakes. Apparently Whiff Whaff was a cheap imitation of Ping Pong released about a year later.

It is a good job Mr Johnson won't be an official at the Olympics when it finally reaches London in 2012, or else who knows what so-called statistics and world records we would be asked to believe.

## No sheep stunt

IT'S not every day you see a herd of sheep being led across London Bridge by a former High Sheriff of Kent and a celebrity chef.

But that is what was due to happen today when Amanda Cottrell and Gary Rhodes paid a trip to the capital, along with television historian Dr David Starkey and Princess Margaret's son Viscount Linley.

The stunt was to raise awareness for two Kent charities – Save Canterbury Cathedral and Produced in Kent – so here's hoping they receive the support they deserve.

## OPINION:

## Take the Independent way

### TONY PATEY is horrified by the number of people who don't want to 'waste their time' by voting in a general election



TWENTY-five votes. Not many, but they caused a mini sensation when I polled them as an Independent candidate at a local council by-election on a tough housing estate.

The Labour candidate got in with – wait for it – 125 votes. The Tory got nearly 40. So my quarter century was quite a shock, especially since the winner was the widow of a recently deceased standing councillor and extremely popular.

I got handshakes and congratulations from both the other parties. That was a long time ago in Cambridgeshire, but when I was out canvassing on my own I learnt a lot about what people thought of voting.

I was shaken by the number of people on the doorsteps who said they didn't vote – wouldn't vote, not even for an Independent – because they thought their vote "didn't count" and it was a waste of time.

We all know the counter-arguments, especially about people in the past who physically suffered and died in the fight for universal suffrage, not just in this country but abroad. The snaking queues of people waiting to vote in African elections and risking snipers should put us to shame.

But the latest Financial Times/Harris opinion poll, published in the Financial Times,

shows that an incredible 15 per cent – one in every seven people – do not intend to vote at the next general election.

I can understand the "not sures" – 17 per cent – but for such a high proportion of people to say they can't even be bothered to go to the polling booth, let alone put their crosses on the voting paper, is scandalous. Why do they say that?

Younger people are rightly cynical with modern politics. It reminds me of the quote from the philosopher Bertrand Russell along the lines of "older men with experience should be our politicians, and the young should concentrate on enjoying themselves."

But today's youngsters take their futures very seriously, and golden oldies should feel the same.

Since I started as a teenage rookie reporter, I've personally met six prime ministers and a host of MPs. Out of the PMs I liked only Edward Heath and John Major – if "Sugar" Roberts' daughter Hilda, sorry, Baroness Thatcher, is put up for a state funeral I'll refuse to pay my taxes – and out of the MPs, I must admit I liked more Tories than Labour.

But if I had to pick one reason why the good ones stood out it'd simply be that they listened to their constituents, not in fancy

"surgeries" where they had to queue up, but from reading their letters carefully and talking to them in real-life situations.

Too many MPs are aloof, and end up doing embarrassing stunts such as sweeping the streets (that doesn't fool anyone, let alone the street sweepers, who could tell you a thing or two). Sir Cyril Smith, arguably one of the most popular MPs ever, lived (still lives, I believe) in a terraced house in his Rochdale constituency.

There's too much spin, too many soundbites, too much politics (it dominates the news every day, and most of it is hot air), when MPs should be working out how to give hard-working taxpayers what is their right in trying to bring up the next generation, in proper medical care and in their old age.

Being the person that I am, a humble business editor, I tend to drift around pubs and other meeting places, and I keep hearing "I'm fed up with party politics". Well, put your vote where your mind is – vote Independent.

**We all know about people who suffered and died in the fight for universal suffrage... The snaking queues of people waiting to vote in African elections and risking snipers should put us to shame**

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## Merchants were vital

As a retired seafarer of 33 years service and secretary of the Independent Vindicatrix of East Kent, I was very pleased to see your article on the Merchant Navy (A sea of opportunities, last week).

Far too many people, including the media, ignore the Merchant Navy and indeed, forget their efforts over the years, especially in wartime.

Your article was very well timed as we will soon be holding our eighth official national Merchant Navy parades and services around the country on Wednesday, September 3; with many holding parades on the nearest Sunday.

It should not be forgotten that percentage-wise the Merchant Navy lost more seafarers than the Armed Forces during World War Two with over 33,000 lost and thousands held in POW camps.

We suffered the first casualties of World War Two with the sinking of the passenger liner Athenia within hours of declaration, with the loss of 118 lives, some women and children on September 3, 1939, which is how our National Merchant Navy Day comes to be on that date. The U-boat captain, U 30, who torpedoed the Athenia was convicted of war crimes at Nuremberg after the war. We also suffered the last casualties of World War Two when the vessel Avondale Park was sunk on May 7, 1945.

Could you please inform your readers of National Merchant Navy Day to remind them of the debt they owe to these men and women for the freedoms they now enjoy?

Our Merchant Navy Day parade will be at the Merchant Navy & Fishing Fleets Memorial at Tower Hill in London on Sunday, September 7; when hundreds of seafarers will parade.

This year there will be a parade and service and unveiling of a memorial on Dover seafarers at 11am on September 3; to commemorate those seafarers lost in both wartime and peace, such as the local tragedy, namely the loss of the Herald of Free Enterprise.

Phil Hughes,  
Broadstairs

## The army lads deserve our support

Regarding your report on our lads in Afghanistan via Jamie McGinnes, it was so lovely to see the lads' faces.

I send parcels out there to our Kent lads and maybe one of those in your picture has had one. I have nobody out there so I send my parcel to, "a soldier who doesn't get a parcel". We are in our 80s and call ourselves, "the old codgers" when sending a card in our parcels. We've had several lovely letters from the lads, also one from the Q Master Carmichael, and also a Major Baker.

They are all our lads out there and well deserve our support. God bless them.

Please ask your readers if anyone would care to send a parcel and bring a few "comforts" to our lads. Any ideas for parcel fillers would be welcome – 4lbs weight with the BFPO 792 number is free.

Come on folks, support our lads. Kent Area is BFPO 792; the address is for attention of Quarter Master, 5 Scots, Camp Bastion, OP Herrick 8, BFPO 792. Put on the parcel either "to a soldier in need" or "to a soldier that doesn't get a parcel".

The Old Codgers,  
Ramsgate.



## Shocked by centre sale

On visiting Herne Bay National Coastwatch station recently I was surprised to learn that this most excellent and efficient watch station has been sold by Canterbury City

Council who owned it, without their even bothering to tell the National Coastguard Institution (NCI) members. I find this to be quite extraordinary for the watch station is important and extremely well supplied with top-level equipment: radar, weather station,

large chart tables, powerful glasses for observing, a telephone link with the Dover Coastguard, adequate facilities and a computer etc.

The NCI works together with the RNLI and HM Coastguard to save lives at sea and along the beach and shore. With a huge increase in the use of the sea in our area by yachtsmen, fishermen, jet skiing etc, the need for our local watch station grows each year, yet the city council has sold the building.

So what happens if, when the watch station

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### BIRTHS

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Andrew and Sarah of Sittingbourne celebrate the birth of their son Archie Henry Andrew on 6th August 2008 weighing 9lb 5oz. Beautiful brother to Saffron Rose.

#### DONOVAN

Stuart and Claire Donovan of Edenbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their son Luis James Donovan born 19th July 2008 weighing 7lb 10z.

#### ELLIOTT

Claire Williams and Chris Elliott of Ashford celebrate the birth of their daughter Cassilyn Eva Elliott on 6th August 2008.

#### GOBLE

Harrison James Goble born on 9th August 2008, weighing 8lb 8oz. Son to Karly Baker and Gary Goble in Langley.

#### HARRINGTON

Lee Harrington and Chanel Bridge are delighted to announce the very early but safe arrival of their son, Max Daniel Kane Harrington, on 31st July 2008.

#### HORNE

Natalie and Colin are delighted to announce the birth of their son Calvin Anthony on 13th August 2008 weighing 8lb 15oz

#### JORDAN

Tilly May born on the 13th August 2008, weighing 7lb 13oz. Daughter to Lewanne and James. Our Special Princess.

#### KENNAUGH

Sara and Stuart of Sevenoaks are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Bethany Iona Jean on 7th August 2008 weighing 7lb 15oz

#### LEIGHTON

Kaisey Tamara Leighton born on 20th August 2008, weighing 5lb 2oz. Daughter to Dean Leighton and Nichola Keeler and sister to Tommy and Courtney.

#### LLOYD

Jeff and Louisa Lloyd of Ticehurst are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Aimee Natasha born 14th August 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz.

#### LOWE

Rhyd Edward Lowe was born on the 14/8/2008 at William Harvey Hospital Ashford, to Mita and Ben Lowe.

#### MAY

Pulane Chipu and Ant May of Ashford celebrate the birth of their son Joshua Thapelo May born on 10th August 2008, weighing 7lb 13oz.

#### RUMBALL

To Ronnie and Jodie of Whitstable a son, Harry Prince Rumball, born on 28th July 2008. A new brother for Ryan, Megan, Rosie, Abbie and Rubie.

#### STONE

Craig and Keira of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Jessica, on 16th August 2008.

#### UBURGS

Bobby Michael David born on 16th August 2008, weighing 7lb 3oz. Son to Lorraine and David of Margate. Brother to Georgia

#### WHITTLE

Alana Ashleigh born on 20th August 2008, weighing 6lbs 4oz. Daughter to Andrew and Ashleigh in Dover. Special sister for Amber Ann.

### DEATHS

#### CRAWLEY

Rita sadly passed away on Sunday 24th August 2008 at Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford. Service to be held at Charing Crematorium on Wednesday 3rd September, 11:20am and afterwards at Sandyacres, Sandyhurst Lane, Kennington. All friends welcome, bright colours only to be worn. No flowers, all donations to the Pilgrims Hospice via Earl & Co tel 01233 620522.

#### DOWDALL

Joy Helen Dowdall of Rainham died peacefully on 24th August 2008. Funeral service at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing on 5th September at 11am.

#### FORTUN

David Fortun of Folkestone, formerly of Harrogate, sadly passed away after a long illness on the 19th August 2008, aged 58. Any enquiries to Sterrys Funeral Directors on 01303 272525.

#### HINDS

Steven John Hinds of Ditton passed away on 19th August 2008, aged 43.

#### HUNTLEY

Molly (Florence May) Huntley of Boughton under Blean passed away suddenly on 14th August 2008. Re-united with her husband Charles. A much loved auntie and friend who will be very sadly missed. The funeral took place on 28th August at Barham Crematorium.

#### KING

Bertha Mary King of Maidstone died peacefully on 23rd August 2008. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium on 9th September at 1:15pm

#### MARTIN

Marie passed away peacefully on 24th August at Darent Valley Hospital. Beloved wife of Brian. Funeral enquiries to Morris and Partners Gravesend. Sadly missed

#### MILTON

Adrian Lee Milton of Faversham passed away suddenly at his home on 13th August 2008 aged 27 years. A much loved son, brother and partner who will be so very sadly missed. Funeral enquiries to Hogben and Partis of Faversham.

#### STREETLY

Doris Eileen passed away peacefully at Darent Valley Hospital on 25th August 2008 aged 82 years. Much loved Mum. Funeral enquiries to Horlocks Funeral Services Northfleet. Love Eileen and John

#### SULSH

Lewis Frederick William Sulsh of Hythe, formerly of Stanford, passed away peacefully after a long illness on the 17th August 2008, aged 83.

#### SUTTON

John Thomas Sutton, known as Jack, formerly of Eccles passed away on 22nd August 2008. Enquiries to Birds Family Funeral Directors, Maidstone 01622 692949.

#### WICKS

Suddenly at his home in Faversham on the 14th August 2008 John William Wicks passed peacefully away. A much loved husband, a dad in a million, and a wonderful grandad and great grandad.

The funeral was held on August 27th 2008 at Love Lane Cemetery in Faversham. The family would like to thank the Paramedic team and the police for their help and kindness.

#### WINCH

Agnes Winch Sadly passed away at the Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury on 20th August 2008. Sadly missed by her husband Derek and children Karen, Debbie, Colin and Peter. Service to take place at Medway Crematorium on 1st September 2008 at 3:20 pm all friends are welcome. donations or flowers c/o Co-Operative Funeralcare 6-8 Sea Street, Herne Bay Tel: 01227 375683

#### WRIGHT

Maryllyn Wright, formerly Maryllyn Williams, sadly passed away peacefully after a long illness on 24th August 2008 at The Heart of Kent Hospice Maidstone. Enquiries to Paul Rowland 01622 757177. Sadly missed by all the family, especially husband, mother, father and two sons.

### Letters continued from p31

is closed, there is a sea emergency and someone is drowned? Who will be responsible and who will be prepared to pay the likely huge claim for compensation?

The obvious and difficult answer would be to reverse the decision to sell the NCI building and keep the watch station, lives being more important than money.

Or the city council must provide alternative good accommodation elsewhere, with good views east and west along the coast and out to sea, a proper secure building, not a beach hut, to house all the valuable equipment and facilities for which the NCI and its volunteers have paid. Nothing less will do.

Name and address supplied.

### Painting a good picture

Thank you so much for your article (Watching paint dry has never looked this good, last week). I passed that field last week and was wondering how I could possibly find out what the crops were! We'd guessed marigolds, but that's as far as it went.

Gillian Lurie  
Westgate on Sea

### Cinema is a great idea

I was reading in your paper about a cinema that may be built near the train station.

When I was younger I always went to the pictures once a week, which I enjoyed very much. But now I do not go because I am unable to get there. It is too far to go unless you have a car.

I am sure a lot of people will benefit if one was to be built near the international station. That was where one used to be. I think it is a brilliant idea and hope it goes ahead. It will give a lot of people like me a lot of pleasure.

Mrs Slingsby,  
Ashford.

### Network is one-sided

With regard to your front page (Intolerable, last week), how can you expect an unbiased report from a network calling itself the South East Coast Black Minority Ethnic Network?

Imagine the uproar if someone founded the South East Coast White Network. It would never be allowed. With the Association of Black Police Officers, a White Police Officers' Association is not allowed.

As with the majority of race laws in this country they are completely one-sided.

PJE Pepper  
Ramsgate

### Blair: the best or worst

I refer to the letter from Helen Jerse in KoS on August 17. I fear KoS is guilty of a serious misprint and as such an apology is due to Miss Jerse. I am sure what she meant was that Mr Blair was one of the worst (if not the very worst) prime ministers of the 20th century. I trust KoS is generous enough to clear up this very important point.

Thomas Sheridan,  
Woodchurch.

### We'll pay for games

With reference to your article Games' finale will signal Kent's countdown to 2012 (August 17) telling of the advantages the London 2012 Olympics will bring to Kent.

Are the residents of Kent aware that all London council tax payers are paying a levy and will still be paying this levy for long after the games have finished, for which many will not receive any of the advantages?

PGB Argent,  
Bexleyheath.

### EU is too controlling

Perhaps I could respond to Bill Pyton's defence of the indefensible: the EU? I was not here in the war so cannot really comment on that aspect. Neither can I list the freedoms we have lost.

However, I do know that last year the EU passed 177 directives, 1,045 decisions and 2,033 regulations enforceable in the UK. Our own trade minister has admitted that 80 per cent of our laws are now made in Brussels.

At the budget meeting in December 2005 to fix the EU budget, the Blair/Brown partnership agreed to raise our contribution from £3.3 million per year to £5.6bn per year over the next seven years – an increase of 70 per cent. Since we joined this insidious "club" our contributions total £90bn.

And let's not forget the accounts have not been signed off for 11 years. While the EU berates countries like Zimbabwe and Iran etc on democracy and human rights, it won't allow the people of Europe a vote on the EU constitution. Every citizen of Europe should have had a vote. But by far the most despicable part of all this is the lies, half-

truths and deceit perpetrated on the people of Europe for the last 40 years.

And don't be deceived by Tory bluster on Europe – for 18 years they signed up to everything Europe told them to and put in front of them. As regards Ukup, they are the only party to tell it like it is and the only alternative to the pipsqueak rabble of the others masquerading as MPs.

The enemy may not be at the gates or at the channel ports. But make no mistake, through the nauseating acquiesce of our MPs and the influence of the power houses of the EU (France and Germany), control has been ceded to Europe in a way never thought possible when we joined all those years ago.

Well Bill, if you're happy with that, fine. But I am not and neither are many others.

Stephen Donoghue,  
Strood.

### We need to be efficient

Martin Pearce, (letters, last week) need not worry about limits to renewable energy supplies because they are clearly limitless.

The British Wind Energy Association suggests eight times as much electricity as we use in the UK can be produced from offshore wind turbines alone. Other technologies can all make significant contributions: solar PV panels, solar thermal units for heating water, ground source heat pumps, combined heat and power, onshore wind turbines in appropriate locations, bio-gas production from waste created by farm animals and agricultural waste, biomass power generation using fast growing species like willow, river barrages and tidal barrages.

The full cycle of activities in labour-intensive coal and nuclear energy production, including mining and the movement of workers, generates massive amounts of carbon dioxide. There are also serious shortages of accessible and recoverable reserves. Most of the remaining uranium is less than a tenth of one per cent of the ore in which it is found, making it expensive and energy-intensive to mine. Because of profligate use of coal, major coal exporters like China and India have recently become coal importers and there have been massive cuts in estimates of coal reserves in recent years: 90 per cent in the UK and Germany.

Also, there is potential for reducing energy use, as our buildings are generally poorly insulated. A 20 per cent cut in energy use in buildings is easily achievable and up to 50 per cent is possible: cheaper than generating energy by any known means.

Nuclear power and coal both create massive amounts of waste. In the case of nuclear, this means 100,000 years of waste storage at least, meaning nuclear power is more expensive than any other feasible energy technology. We do not need 1950s solutions to current or future energy needs: efficiency plus renewable can provide employment and energy without polluting the environment.

Steve Dawe  
Kent Green Party, Tonbridge

### Lousy economics

The Government is pinning its hopes on a nuclear renaissance to meet Britain's climate change goals. Planning procedures are being eased and hidden subsidies offered. But the policy is based on a misunderstanding of nuclear power's lousy economics, and will fail.

No one should doubt the good intentions of those who are arguing for a switch of scarce capital, materials and skills into nuclear power in Britain. It is not their intentions that are in question, but their analysis.

We have been here before, with equally serious people arguing there was no alternative to a nuclear future. In 1975 the UK Atomic Energy Authority told the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution that by 2000 Britain would have 104 nuclear reactors. This did not happen, and not because the nuclear industry lacked support. Then, as now, government, business leaders, the unions and the media were all onside. It failed because economic reality intruded. It will do so again—but this time the consequence of going down the nuclear cul-de-sac will be much more serious.

Nuclear enthusiasts argue everything is different now. Lessons have been learned, designs standardised and new reactors can be built on time and to budget. But the fact that none of the three designs under consideration is operating anywhere in the world might give pause for thought.

Events in Finland provide further grounds for caution. They are building the first example of the reactor design most favoured for Britain, the so-called EPR. The 1,200MW reactor is more than £1bn over its original £2.5bn budget and two years late just two years after construction began. If this is the best Finnish contractors can manage, the thought of what those who brought you the Scottish parliament or Wembley stadium might accomplish is chilling.

Barrie Botley  
Shepway Friends of the Earth



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# Fund a way through university

AN EXPERT in student finance from a Kent university has provided some top tips on how to avoid money worries for cash-strapped freshers.

Claire Evenden, a finance advisor for the University of Greenwich at Medway, said it was important for students starting their courses this

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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September to do their homework to avoid missing out on cash they're entitled to.

She said: "Thousands of school leavers and mature students each year fail to find out which grants, bursaries and scholarships they could have applied for – but luckily there are people and places out there to help you find that missing money."

"What a lot of people don't realise is that there are bursaries and scholarships that they can apply for, as well as charities, trusts and even businesses which approach universities with money. And we're very keen to make sure that money goes to the right people."

She said even if people have missed the June deadline for applying for student loans to cover tuition fees, there should still be time before beginning the first time or universities can offer short-term loans.

Freshers (students starting their first year of university) can also apply for maintenance grants, with the full amount £2,835 going to people with household incomes under £25,000.

Ms Evenden said: "And remember – although you have to pay back loans – grants, bursaries and scholarships are yours to keep."

"The University of Greenwich has a treasure chest of bursaries to help different kinds of students."

"There is money for talented rugby players and for choral singers, while students who score more than 300 points on the A-level UCAS tariff can also apply for a bursary."

She said bursaries were advertised through posters, information on the university's intranet and sometimes through contacting students directly and advising them to apply.

"We also advise students to spend some time on the internet sifting through to see what charities, trusts and businesses are giving out in grants and bursaries."

"For instance, as a single parent you can get a grant from an energy company towards your heating bills," she said.

Ms Evenden suggested students plan how they are going to manage their living expenses, adding that current figures recommend a budget of £6,500 a year on basic costs.



**TAKE CONTROL:** Claire Evenden says students should seek advice on finances

She advised people to remember to ask in shops if they offered a student discount, shopping and cooking with friends and visiting markets to look for bargains.

"If the worst comes to the worst and you face financial meltdown within months of beginning your degree course don't run away from it, seek advice, talk to your bank or student finance adviser and work out exactly how much money you owe and how you are going to spend less or earn more to improve your situation."

"If unforeseen circumstances mean you fear you may have to give up your course, you may be eligible for financial support from Access to Learning Fund."

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## Summer of fun on campus

SUMMER schools at a Kent university have been providing a taster of student life for more than 50 teenagers.

The University of Kent offers annual residential course for 15 and 16-year-olds from 14 schools from across the county.

Most of the schools are in areas where the number of students going to university after school is low, a spokesman said.

Staff and students' mentors provided each pupil with encouragement and support throughout the week-long programme of "fun and challenging activities".

Activities providing an insight into the academic and social life of further education were held, ranging from a debate on the ethics of animal testing to setting up a new political party and stand-up comedy.

On the last night a formal dinner and 'end of school' was held.



**ACTIVITIES:** School pupils at a summer club held at the University of Kent

Sophie Baker, a summer school assistant, said: "The last night was the perfect way to celebrate a memorable week, and was summed up perfectly by one student on her evaluation form – 'summer school is wicked. It's the best experience you could ask for.'"

For more information go to **www.kent.ac.uk/aps/partnership-development**.

## Showcase for masters' art

AN EXHIBITION showcasing the work of masters degree students from a Kent university is being held in Canterbury.

The art and sculpture of students is on display at Canterbury Christ Church University's prestigious Sidney Cooper Gallery until Wednesday.

Bryan Hawkins, director of the masters degree pro-

gramme in fine art, said: "I believe this exhibition offers a clear picture of what MA fine art at the university is really about."

"It has been a great privilege to work with such an enthusiastic and talented group of artists."

Antonia Gould, Roy Mathew, Alif Ahmed and Tina Atchison-Thomas are among

the graduating artists exhibiting works, which include vibrant paintings, an installation and ceramics.

Hazel Stone, the show's curator, said: "This is a really exciting exhibition with a focus on contemporary painting, showcasing a wide range of influence and research."

Admission to the gallery is free.



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New registration special feature



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## Quest to save and go green keeps market ticking over

by  
**STEVELOADER**

CAR registrations have been falling this year as the nation adjusts to the 'credit crunch' and soaring fuel and energy prices.

Consumers' fragile confidence has not been helped by cack-handed Government efforts to cut car use and emissions to tackle global warming and be seen to do 'the right thing'.

The effect has been to decimate values on big 4x4s and pick-ups over a matter of months, when ministers should have been gently strangling their sales overall several years – there are some very unhappy car owners out there.

Against this backdrop though, things could be much worse. OK, July new car registrations showed a seemingly catastrophic

13 per cent drop against July 07, but it is always a tough month for the trade with buyers on holiday rather than looking in showrooms.

The reality is that registrations are just three per cent down so far in 2008, despite the gloom and doom, and largely explained by pump prices and big road tax increases on thirsty high-end models creating new car demand by pushing drivers, leasing companies and businesses to switch to greener and leaner models.

And not just city cars and superminis – though small car sales leapt 120 per cent in May – because sales of the most 'eco' versions of various models and classes of car are holding up well across most brands.

As a result, the UK Top 10 best-selling car league so far this year features largely the same makes and models, though closer inspection would highlight that these are now the leaner and greener versions.

Market leader Ford, for instance, has had sales buoyed by a switch to lower emission/tax beating 1.6 and 1.8-litre TDCi



diesels – sales of models with these engines are nearly 40 per cent higher this year compared with 07.

And BMW has broadened its 'ultimate driving machine' slogan to encompass the green technology of its fuel-saving, lower emission 'Efficient Dynamics' package now featured in most BMWs and all MINIs – leading to a 12 per cent increase in BMW sales in '08.

Diesel cars continue to dominate customers' buying habits, especially as these

**LAUNCH:** Sumptuous and versatile yet affordable new Skoda Superb (main pic) family/executive model is launched mid-September – one of the highlights of the '58 Reg debut month. But smaller cars like the new generation lighter and leaner Mazda2 (left) supermini are driving the new car market

qualify for the lowest road taxes, but the recent gulf between petrol and diesel prices at the pumps – exacerbated by UK refineries being more geared to petrol demand – has caused a rally for petrol models.

VW group brands, for example, have introduced convincing and lively yet frugal new small and turbocharged low emission petrol engines.

Petrol models are generally cheaper to buy than diesels too, so cash-strapped buyers rightly question whether they will do enough miles and save enough in fuel and road tax to recoup the extra cost of a diesel before they sell their new car on.



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# Think small and be big in the city



CITY cars are answering Britain's motoring woes by offering a chic way to be seen to be green, while saving money too.

Buyers are realising that these 'wheel-at-each-corner' designs are not just spacious in relation to exterior design, but no longer primitive to drive and travel in.

With pump prices and road taxes now straining family budgets, the phrase 'city car' has also been stretched so we have included several models that are technically supermini-size, but sip fuel more like a city runabout.

Crucially, cars in this sector also qualify for the lowest road taxes – usually £35/year.

City car stars include:

- Citroën – has one of the greenest city cars on the road in the C1, avail-



**LITTLE PACKAGES:** Top: Suzuki Splash is the 'city car MPV', left: Daihatsu Sirion is a spacious bargain, but the Citroën C1 is the real city star

able in petrol and, unusually in this sector, diesel form and with three or five doors.

- Daihatsu – this Japanese brand is hard to beat for compact value and the number of Kent dealerships has grown recently. The Charade city car is available with three and five doors, while the bigger Sirion uses Toyota Yaris underpinnings yet costs much less.
- Hyundai – the Korean brand is now a major player globally and has launched a baby car set to assume the same status in the city sector; the five-door i10 is a great compact package offering air con as standard, a decent drive plus five-year warranty.
- Kia – 'the other Korean' brand has a similar bargain five-door package, the little Picanto. Sharply priced and well-equipped, it delivers decent driving on a short wheelbase.
- Renault – launched the three-door

Twingo last year and positioned it as a fashion statement as well as an economy motor – there is even a hot Renaultsport version. Owners can customise their car as well as saving money by running it.

• Suzuki – always known for small cars, Suzuki boosted its line-up recently with a wave of more driver-orientated models including the impressive Splash, best described as a 'city car MPV' due to its compact road 'footprint', huge interior and economy.

• Toyota – its city car contender is the brilliant and tiny Aygo. Available in three and five-door formats, a single one-litre petrol engine guarantees high economy levels and low tax.

• VW – the three-door Fox city car offers good value for a car bearing the more premium VW badge and is also one of the more elegant solutions to the city car formula.

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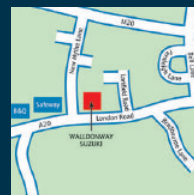
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\*Models shown: Grand Vitara 1.6 16V VTR- 3 door available at £12,715 on the road (metallic paint available at £365), Grand Vitara 2.0 16V 5 door available at £14,999 on the road (metallic paint available at £375), special edition Grand Vitara X-EC 2.0 16V manual at £16,999 on the road including metallic paint. Vehicles shown may not be to UK specification. All prices are correct at time of going to press. \*Cost of 3 year road tax (between £740 and £820 according to VED band) will be deducted from the on the road price of the vehicle at time of purchase. Data as stated on [www.hm-treasury.gov.uk](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk) as at 30.06.08.





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SUPER: Kia Rio is now bigger but remains budget-priced, the new kid on the supermini block is the Seat Ibiza, but the eco star of the bunch is the VW Polo BlueMotion

# The supermini boom has really started motoring

SUPERMINI demand is motoring ahead in both the new and used car markets, with registrations soaring by 120 per cent year on year in May alone.

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Some carmakers have taken design cues from the MPV sector to further boost the space

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Models to check out:

- Citroen C2/C3 – the single-minded French marque did things its own way in the supermini sector with two separate designs – the three-door C2 for those wanting a smaller and sportier contender, while the larger five-door C3 caters for families and those needing more space.
- Hyundai Getz – not the newest car in the sector, but keenly priced with a five-year warranty and offered with a good range of engines and in three and five-door formats.
- Kia Rio – more a 'supersize supermini' but keenly priced in the best traditions of this

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- Mazda2 – lightness and aerodynamics, are the marque's watchwords as it does its bit for greener motoring, while retaining its sporty Zoom-Zoom image. The slippery Mazda2 is one of the most stylish of new superminis.
- Renault Clio – a leader in the supermini sector over several generations. The latest car is upmarket and spacious and has just had a facelift and gained a Sport Tourer (estate), but the previous model continues as the budget-price Clio Campus.
- Seat Ibiza – the all-new Ibiza five-door is the latest entry to the supermini market and signals a move upmarket with a classy interior to match typically sharp lines from VW's sporty Spanish brand. A three-door SportCoupe arrives shortly.

- Skoda – VW's Czech marque offers the all-new five-door Fabia. It is still excellent value but smarter than before, well made and cheap to run, especially in diesel form.
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# Spoilt for choice in toughest car sector

FAMILY hatchbacks remain the optimum size for most buyers and continue to dominate the top 10 sellers list, especially as carmakers bring on greener versions.

No wonder then that it is the hardest fought sector for manufacturers, with even the best battling hard to retain market share.

Buyers want space, comfort and a good ride, but they also demand a good driving experience – few contenders tick all the boxes.

Here are some recommended rivals though:

- BMW 1-Series – BMW has rocked the sector by offering an everyday hatchback-sized car with an executive badge on the bonnet and the brand's driver-orientated rear-wheel

drive layout. The brand's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package has also slashed fuel costs, tax and emissions.

- Citroen C4 – whether it's the racy three-door Coupe or stylish five-door, the distinctive and chic C4 has boosted Citroen in the eyes of mainstream car buyers. Great diesel engines are part of the popular package.

- Hyundai i30 – now being recognised as an excellent deal; the i30 is well-made and packaged, drives well and has an excellent diesel option, yet is still keenly priced with a five-year warranty in the Hyundai tradition.

- Kia Ceed – the Korean car that scared the motoring powers that be, the Ceed is a good looking, excellent all-rounder that drives well and is also offered with a staggering seven-year warranty.



ALL GOOD: Mercedes A-Class is downsizing for executive car buyers. From left: Hyundai i30 has sharp styling, BMW 1-Series – the 118d is World Green Car of the Year

- Mazda3 – available as a five-door hatchback and four-door saloon, Mazda's Zoom Zoom contender is a more premium option with a good choice of engines and generous equipment.

- Mercedes A-Class – styled more like an MPV, the three or five-door A-Class is a far more refined and well-made package than the first generation car and cuts an upmarket dash in this sector.

- Renault Megane – the distinctive rear end 'bustle' makes this one of the stand out cars of the sector, whether in three or five-door form, with great diesel options and scorching Renaultsport versions too.

- Seat Leon – looks like a coupe with its dramatic lines and concealed rear door handles, but is a spacious yet sporty all-rounder while

hot Cupra versions spice up demand.

- Skoda Octavia – a larger contender that almost qualifies for the bigger family car sector, the latest Octavia confirms the brand's rebirth and also offers an excellent estate version, 4x4 options and hot vRS models.

- Toyota Auris – the long-running Corolla name was ditched in favour of this new three/five-door car and name, pronounced 'Owrris' – also likely to become a by-word for dependability. A sharp interior distinguishes it from many rivals.

- VW Golf and Beetle – the Golf is bought with the head, the retro Beetle is bought with the heart. Check out the turbodiesels for their smoothness and power; the latest Golf is a real driver's car with a GTI flagship to maintain a great heritage.

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# Times tough for the family but buyers get more choice

FAMILY models like the Ford Mondeo used to rule the UK car market.

They were designed for company car 'user choosers', so they could pound motorways during the week and cope with the family and belongings at weekends or on holiday.

But the rise of MPVs, 4x4 SUVs and upmarket compact executive cars has eroded market share and there is now far more choice in this middle ground, with sporty estate versions also gaining more sales, though some of the latter are so-called 'lifestyle' models expected to say more about the owner and his/her image rather than carry serious loads.

Diesel is also the preferred option in a sector where economy and lower emissions saves serious cash.

Interesting performers include:

- BMW 3-Series – whether the four-door saloon, two-door coupe, silky convertible or stylish Touring (estate), the 3-Series endows status and delivers on the brand's 'ultimate driving machine' claim. Efficient Dynamics eco-technology makes it greener too.
- Citroen C5 and C6 – the all-new C5 is a head turner that Citroen has marketed as 'German' to highlight the quality and style of the car. For those needing something bigger, the executive class C6 is a worthy descendant to the legendary DS.
- Hyundai Sonata – a five-year warranty and loads of kit for a modest price make the Sonata a familiar formula from the Korean carmaker.
- Kia Magentis – typical value for money package from the Korean value brand that



**CHOICE:** Main picture, the Renault Laguna is in the third generation. Left: Mercedes-Benz C-Class Estate is executive, and a French marquee 'goes German' with the Citroen C5

also has plans to move upmarket. The diesel is the top option.

- Mazda6 – the second generation '6' is even more elegant than the original and far more refined. Available in saloon, hatch or estate, it is lighter and more frugal and quality is such that the car could be challenging as a genuine executive model.
- Mercedes-Benz C-Class – A 'class act', the latest 'C' marks a return to form for one of the stalwarts of the compact executive sector of the market and the estate is a proper load lugger rather than a rakish but less effective 'lifestyle' model.
- Renault Laguna – the third generation hatch and sporty estate carries on the model's tradition of value with lots of kit and some of the newest technology.
- Seat Toledo – offered as an 'alternative family saloon' with the Spanish marque's distinctive sweeping lines, the Toledo is really an MPV with a boot.
- Skoda Superb – it might not have a prestige badge, but it offers lots of comfort at a bargain price and arrives in September with a boot lid that hinges again to offer hatch-back versatility – a future star.
- Toyota Avensis – a bulletproof range of refined saloons and estates that has benefited from input by the Japanese giant's Lexus luxury brand. Diesel options are attractive too.
- VW Passat – the latest Passat saloon, estate and CC Coupe range is already attacking prestige rivals. It is classy, drives well and offers lots of space, though the scale of the car may persuade some buyers to consider the smaller Jetta lookalike.



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# Clever 'crossover' style now blurs MPV and 4x4 sectors

SALES of classic family cars have been pole-axed by the rise of people carrier/MPVs and 4x4s/SUVs.

Both shared a higher driving position, but the first majored on space and versatility, while the second stood for butch styling and 'go anywhere/great outdoors' ability. The two types have merged increasingly since then into what the industry calls 'crossovers', so we have merged our pick of them too:

- BMW – has created an 'X' sub-brand of SUVs with good driving manners. The X5 has the MPV-style capacity to seat seven, while the X3 attacks the compact 4x4 sector and X6 seeks to suggest a new SUV coupe niche.
- Citroën – using the Picasso sub-brand, the marque has become a major player in MPVs and offers six models: the bargain Berlingo First and Multispace, original five-seat Xsara Picasso, C4 Picasso 5-7-seaters and big C8... not forgetting the smart C-Crosser 4x4 SUV.
- Daihatsu – need an MPV that looks different? Try the retro Materia, spacious within compact dimensions. On the 4x4 front the company offers the Terios – compact and affordable for off-roading as well as everyday motoring.
- Hyundai – there can be few cheaper MPVs than the Korean marque's five-seat Matrix, but value is also the appeal of the SUV/4x4 line-up: the compact Tucson – available with economical two-wheel drive or 4x4 – the highly-regarded 5-7-seat Santa Fe and the rugged Terracan.
- Kia – is a value star in both of these sub-sectors, offering the space-efficient 5-7-seat Carens and Sedona MPVs and compact



**SUPERSIZED:** Clockwise from top left: BMW's X3 is prestigious yet compact for downsizing 4x4 lovers, the Renault Grand Scenic is the space star from the creator of the MPV, and the Toyota Verso is highly rated as a compact seven-seater MPV

family car and MPV, while the bigger R-Class crosses between MPV and SUV, with the 4x4 sector being challenged by the company's now legendary M-Class and the huge seven-seat GL.

• Renault – regarded as the inventor of MPVs, the Espace is still its champion people carrier, but there is also the mid-size Scenic and Grand Scenic as well as budget Kangoo. It entered the 4x4 market just weeks ago, but the new Koleos looks and works well on and off-road.

• Seat – the Spanish brand has shown MPVs can be sporty, starting with the racy Altea – also sold in stretched XL form – and stepping up to booted Toledo and large Alhambra. And there's a 4x4 Altea XL version – the Freetrack.

• Skoda – reviewed the small MPV market and married a car-like front with a boxy and

spacious MPV rear – the 'room' that inspired the name Roomster. For 4x4 capability, check out the all-wheel-drive Octavia Estate and high-riding Scout versions.

• Suzuki – the budget 4x4 specialist, Suzuki offers one of the cheapest go anywhere cars in the Jimny, but there is also the rather more refined two and four-wheel drive SX4 and rugged yet classy Grand Vitara.

• Toyota – one of the finest seven-seat mid-MPVs comes in the form of the aptly named Verso, but Toyota also offers the Land Cruiser brand for ultimate off-roading and the excellent RAV4 – the original 'GTI 4x4'.

• VW – the 5-7-seat Sharan remains VW's flagship MPV, but the Touran offers the same seating capacity and car-like handling, while VW is also now a 4x4 star with the big Touareg and new and highly capable Touran mid-range SUV.

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• Mazda – in keeping with its sporty Zoom-Zoom image, Mazda has racy contenders in the seven-seat Mazda5 MPV – with sliding doors for access to the rearmost seats – and the 'GT'-style CX-7 SUV model.

• Mercedes-Benz – the three-pointed star brand prefers to call the B-Class a Sport Tourer, but it's more like a cross between

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# Still time for fun despite the outlook?



**DRIVE LIKE YOU MEAN IT:** Main picture: MG TF LE500 proves you can't keep a good sports car down. From left: Mazda MX-5 sparked the UK's new love affair with open top cars, while the VW Eos typifies a new generation of folding hardtop models



IT must be some comfort in these straitened times that some people can still afford fun motoring, even if the days of real 'petrolhead' motoring may die out long term.

It's also worth remembering that features first seen on performance cars end up boosting the effectiveness of more mundane models.

And, as shown by our selection of marques and models, a little sporty number does not need to cost the earth to buy or run either:

- BMW – might be re-inventing itself as a green champion with its 'Efficient Dynamics' eco-motoring systems, but it still makes exciting performance cars. The latest 1-Series coupe and convertible models are relatively affordable, while the big 6-Series coupe and convertible is the company's director-level contestant, with the Z4 roadster and coupe sisters offering seat of the pants thrills.
- Daihatsu Copen – just £11,495 buys a state-of-the-art coupe with a folding hardtop and a lively little engine, but it is a bit of a squeeze, even for two.
- Hyundai Coupe – typically good value sports car from the Korean value brand. It has evolved from an ugly duckling into a genuinely good-looking car too.
- Mazda – the brand claims to hold a quarter of the UK sports car market with its unique

rotary-engine four-door/four-seat RX-8 coupe and the MX-5 roadster. The latter started the latest open-top boom in the UK, it is now offered with folding hardtop or fabric roof.

• Mercedes-Benz – the German brand has launched coupes and cabriolets to attack all areas of the market in recent years, from the lovely-looking folding hardtop SLK to the mid-range CLK Coupe and Cabrio through to the legendary SL, also with folding hardtop. For luxury plus sport, there is the CL Coupe and eye-catching four-door CLS Coupe.

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• VW – has launched three coupe models in just two years. The first was the Golf-based but individually-styled Eos folding hardtop four-seater, with its excellent driving characteristics and the option of serious power as well as 'sensible' choices. This year has seen the return of the Scirocco coupe name in style and the stunning Passat CC four-door coupe as a cut-price rival to the Mercedes CLS.

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### Co-ordinator Mathematics 08/61

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum

### Lecturer in Science 08/60

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

### Lecturer Key Skills within Early Years and Public Services 08/39

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Closing date for applications is Friday 12 September 2008 and interviews will be held at the end of September 2008.

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Marie Cook, Personnel Officer 01634 884736 or Iain Donaldson, Personnel Director 01634 884422.



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You will have a background of library or IT helpdesk or HE education. You will have a knowledge or willingness to learn online information products and some specialist software. Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential.

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Tel: 01795 590795  
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### ADMINISTRATIVE/ACQUISITIONS ASSISTANT

**Medway**  
Salary: £17,169 - £19,263 per annum  
Closing Date: 5:00 pm on 12 September 2008  
To apply/more information: Virginia Malone  
University of Greenwich  
Quoting Job Ref: 01055/K3  
Tel: 01634 883336  
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### ADMINISTRATOR

**Ashford**  
Salary: £18,430 - £22,845 (pay award pending) (SCP 21-28)  
Closing Date: 5th Sept 08  
You will assist the Database

Controller in ensuring the efficient and accurate use of databases across the organisation, in line with system protocols. You will need to be able to develop and maintain efficient office systems, and to provide Line Management support to the Administrative Assistants within the Data Centre.  
To apply/more information: KCA (UK)  
Quoting Job Ref: 504  
Tel: 01795 590635  
Email: [recruitment@kca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kca.org.uk)

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Gillingham**  
Salary: £16,217 - £18,430 (SCP 17 - 21)  
Closing Date: 5th Sept 08  
Hours: 18.5 per week • Contract: 3 years.  
To apply/more information: KCA (UK)  
Quoting Job Ref: 498  
Tel: 01795 590635  
Email: [recruitment@kca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kca.org.uk)

### Managerial Support for EDC Management Team

**Maidstone**  
Salary: Indicative band 4 £17,316 - £20,818 per pro-rata  
Closing Date: Monday 8th September 2008  
16 hrs per week We are looking for a competent administrator to offer a comprehensive support service to the EDC Management Team at our Kent Dispatch Centre. You will provide clerical assistance in the form of word processing and data input, along with the taking and distributing of accurate minutes and other associated paperwork. You will hold an RSA2 qualification or hold an equivalent level of experience, along with an excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Office and other associated packages. In addition,

you will possess excellent organisational and interpersonal skills, be able to maintain confidentiality at all times, with the ability to prioritise your workload, whilst working to tight schedules and deadlines. Access to transport will be necessary, along with a willingness to travel to off-site locations. For an informal discussion, please contact Mark Bailey on 01622 747010. [www.secamb.nhs.uk](http://www.secamb.nhs.uk) For an application pack, please email [recruitment@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:recruitment@secamb.nhs.uk) - this is our preferred method of application request. Alternatively, our recruitment answer phone service is available on 01737 363529.  
To apply/more information: Mark Bailey - South Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
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## Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

### GARDENER

**Orpington**  
Salary: TBC  
Applicants must have good knowledge and I.D. of plants in general. Must be smart, fit and healthy, punctual and reliable. PAGA, PAT or chainsaw certificates would be an advantage, as would a clean full driving licence. The successful applicant will be dedicated, hardworking and a strong team player. C.V. and references required.  
To apply/more information: Xseed  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01689 860096  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## Catering, Hospitality

### CATERING ASSISTANTS

**Folkestone**  
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Closing Date: 17 September 2008  
To apply/more information: Lisa Horton - Saga  
Quoting Job Ref: SG238  
Tel: 01303 774888  
Email: [human.resources@saga.co.uk](mailto:human.resources@saga.co.uk)

### EXECUTIVE CHEF

**Folkestone**  
Salary: Competitive salaries + excellent benefits  
Closing Date: 17 September 2008  
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Quoting Job Ref: SG240  
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### FULL TIME CHEF

**Canterbury**  
Salary: TBC  
Required for The Goods Shed Farmers market, food hall & restaurant, Station Road West Canterbury CT2 5AN.  
To apply/more information: Goods Shed Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01227 459153  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Receptionist

**Canterbury**  
Salary: TBC  
Experienced receptionist required to handle all incoming calls to the site and to meet and greet all visitors. Excellent communication skills both face to face and on the telephone is essential. Computer

literacy and administration experience a plus. Recruitment Day/Evening On Wednesday 10th September 2008 From 3-7pm. Brownhills Motorhomes offer excellent working conditions, a competitive salary and generous holidays and are committed to equal opportunities. Howfield Lane, Chatham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HG.  
To apply/more information: Brownhills Motorhomes  
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Tel: 01227 738990  
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### Waiting Staff

**Ramsgate**  
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WANTED Experienced WAITSTAFF for Ramsgate's newest and best restaurant. Please call: 01843 851515.  
To apply/more information: Harriett Leigh - Age 8 Sons  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01843 851515  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## Customer Service, Call Centre

### Call Centre Administrator

**Longfield**  
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The Call Centre Administrator will assist in packing and posting all MotorSport Vision Retail products and providing general administrative support to the Retail Sales Team. The role will also occasionally involve selling a range of products including tickets for race meetings, driving activity days and gifts for special

occasions, as well as answering general enquiries about the activities at the MotorSport Vision circuits. They will also assist the Senior Receptionist by welcoming visitors to the MotorSport Vision Centre, answering incoming calls and collating all incoming and outgoing post. Highly organised, with a good attention to detail, the successful candidate will be able to demonstrate strong Outlook, Word and Excel skills, and be comfortable communicating with customers both face to face and over the telephone. Previous administration and sales experience would be an advantage. Please apply in writing, including salary expectations, notice period and current CV, to: Joanne Brown, Human Resources Department, MotorSport Vision Limited, Brands Hatch Circuit, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8NG.  
To apply/more information: Joanne Brown  
MotorSport Vision Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email: [joanne.brown@motorsportvision.co.uk](mailto:joanne.brown@motorsportvision.co.uk)

### Customer Service Advisor

**Canterbury**  
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You must be self motivated and possess excellent customer handling skills. A good knowledge of IT together with experience in administration is an essential part of this role. Recruitment Day/Evening On Wednesday 10th September 2008 From 3-7pm Brownhills Motorhomes offer excellent working conditions, a competitive salary and generous holidays and are committed to equal opportunities. Howfield Lane, Chatham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HG.

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## Domestic

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Tel: 01303 774888  
Email: [human.resources@saga.co.uk](mailto:human.resources@saga.co.uk)

## Domestic Trades

### Electrical and Mechanical Draughtsman

**Chatham**  
Salary: £28,219 - £30,312 per annum  
Closing Date: Friday 12 September 2008  
To apply/more information: Marie Cook - Mid Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01634 884736  
Email: [rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk)

### Electrical Instructor

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## Education, Teacher, School

### Aim Higher Learning Mentor

**Gravesend**  
Salary: Kent Scheme Grade 6 - £15,576 - £17,040 p.a.  
Closing Date: Thursday, 11 September 2008  
35 hours per week term time only Experience of working with young people of school age is essential in this role which supports students to overcome the barriers to progressing from pre to post 16 learning and gives advice and guidance on higher level progression and careers. For further information please contact Mrs Theresa Davies or Mrs Sam Chisholm or check the school website - [www.northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk](http://www.northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk)  
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Northfleet School for Girls  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email: [personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk](mailto:personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk)

### Careers Officer

**Gravesend**  
Salary: Kent Scheme Grade 4 - £7,040 - £7,399 p.a.  
Closing Date: Thursday, 11 September 2008  
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### Co-ordinator Mathematics

**Canterbury**  
Salary: From £26,365 per annum  
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### Construction Draughtsman Instructor

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Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01634 834736  
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- Accompany staff on school trips.
- Some administration tasks.

Training and career development will be given to the successful candidate.

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Aylesford School - Sports College  
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Tel: 01622 717341  
Email: [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk)

### Lecturer in Science

**Canterbury**  
Salary: £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
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### Lecturer Key Skills within Early Years and Public Services

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### On-line Examinations Assistant

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### Signer/Learning Facilitator

**Canterbury**  
Salary: Starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum  
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### Teacher Education Administrator

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### Teachers of English and History Support staff

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### Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care

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Quoting Job Ref: 04/94  
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**Kent**  
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Linx Printing Technologies  
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Tel: 01480 302103  
Email: [hr@linx.co.uk](mailto:hr@linx.co.uk)

**MECHANICAL ENGINEER**  
**Folkstone**  
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Tel: 01303 774888  
Email: [human.resources@saga.co.uk](mailto:human.resources@saga.co.uk)

### Mechanical Estimator

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Must have firm knowledge and understanding of Building Services Industry and fully conversant with HVAC products. Self motivated and enjoys a challenge. Office in Wingham (Canterbury). Please contact Dominic.

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Quoting Job Ref: kos  
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### Workshop Technician

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**Sittingbourne**  
Salary: TBC

A2 CABS LTD require Full & Part Time TAXI DRIVER'S and EXPERIENCED RADIO OPERATORS.

Please contact Elaine

**To apply/more information:** Elaine  
A2 Cabs Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 431500  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Male or Female Support and Senior Support Worker

**Sittingbourne**  
Salary: TBC

Vacancies available at our Residential Home in Sittingbourne & Sheerness. We provide care for Adults with Learning Disability. NVQ Level 3 required for Senior Support position. Will need to have 6 months experience working with ALD. Clean British driving licence required. Previous Applicants need not apply.

**To apply/more information:** Samantha Morgan - Forward Care  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 841220  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### P/T Support Officers/ Casual Staff/Volunteers

**Kent**  
Salary: TBC

Required for Malling, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and S/Os areas to enable independent living & social activities for people with a range of needs in their own home. Car & mobile essential. Pension scheme available. Mileage allowance plus weekend, evening and bank holidays. Full training given.

**To apply/more information:** SC Support & Care Services  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01732 875888  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

**Canterbury**  
Salary: TBC

Required for elderly residential home. Post subject to CRB Disclosure. Cost to be met by applicant.

**To apply/more information:** Cumbrria House Residential Home  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01303 254019  
Email: [cumbria@ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk](mailto:cumbria@ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk)

### Public Rights Of Way Officer - Network Management

**Kings Hill**  
Salary: £20,061 - 29,920 per annum (Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfillment of required competencies).

**Closing Date:** Midday 5th September 2008

**To apply/more information:** Kent County Council  
Quoting Job Ref: ER/08/0107  
Tel: 0845 8247 904  
Email: [recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk)

### SENIOR CARER

**Folkstone**  
Salary: TBC

Required for elderly residential home. Must have NVQ Level 3 in care and at least one years experience. Post subject to CRB Disclosure. Cost to be met by applicant.

**To apply/more information:** Cumbrria House Residential Home  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01303 254019  
Email: [cumbria@ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk](mailto:cumbria@ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk)

### Print, Packaging, Distribution

**Folkstone**  
Salary: TBC

Due to expanding service we are looking for new & experienced community carers to assist us with providing high standards of care & support to people in their own homes. All call times available (early, evenings, sleep in & alternate weekends). We Offer: Excellent Training Programme & Free Uniform/Equipment. For an Application Pack please call: Car Driver Essential. Employment subject to CRB Enhanced Disclosure.

**To apply/more information:** Brampton Care Home  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01303 272348  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### FULL TIME CARE ASSISTANTS AND PART TIME HOUSE KEEPERS

**Sandwich**  
Salary: TBC

Please phone Sheelagh Sanford for an informal interview.

**To apply/more information:** Sheelagh Sanford  
High View Ost Nursing Home  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01304 813333  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Full Time CARER

**Folkstone**  
Salary: TBC

Required for elderly residential home. Post subject to CRB Disclosure. Cost to be met by applicant.

**To apply/more information:** Cumbrria House Residential Home  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01303 254019  
Email: [cumbria@ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk](mailto:cumbria@ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk)

### Full Time Dental Nurse

**Herne Bay**  
Salary: TBC

Experience preferable but not essential As training can be provided Successful candidates will need to be motivated, willing to learn a good team member and be able to use their initiative.

**To apply/more information:** Melbourne House Dental Surgery  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01227 374454  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Male or Female Support and Senior Support Worker

**Sittingbourne**  
Salary: TBC

Vacancies available at our Residential Home in Sittingbourne & Sheerness. We provide care for Adults with Learning Disability. NVQ Level 3 required for Senior Support position. Will need to have 6 months experience working with ALD. Clean British driving licence required. Previous Applicants need not apply.

**To apply/more information:** Samantha Morgan - Forward Care  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 841220  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### P/T Support Officers/ Casual Staff/Volunteers

**Kent**  
Salary: TBC

Required for Malling, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and S/Os areas to enable independent living & social activities for people with a range of needs in their own home. Car & mobile essential. Pension scheme available. Mileage allowance plus weekend, evening and bank holidays. Full training given.

**To apply/more information:** SC Support & Care Services  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01732 875888  
Email: [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### SENIOR CHILDREN'S SUPPORT WORKER

**Kent**  
Salary: £22,845 - £25,067 (SCP 28 - 32g)  
Closing Date: 5th September 2008

Essential Car User Allowance up to £1,056 Hours: 37 per week • Contract: 3 years Based: Swale, Dover and Thanet.

**To apply/more information:** KCA (UK)  
Quoting Job Ref: REF: 502  
Tel: 01795 590635  
Email: [recruitment@kca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kca.org.uk)

### Retail, Wholesale, Sales

### Experienced Part time Telesales

**Ashford**  
Salary: £7.50 hr + commission + bonuses

Ashford based publisher is looking to recruit Part time Telesales agents, 9.30am - 1.30pm Mon-Fri (20hrs) MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE.

**To apply/more information:** Plus Publishing Services  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: (01233) 643574  
Email: [admin@pluspublishing.co.uk](mailto:admin@pluspublishing.co.uk)

## Public Sector, Social Services

### CHILDREN'S SUPPORT WORKERS (x2)

**Kent**  
Salary: £21,412 - £25,320 (SCP 26 - 31)  
Closing Date: 5th Sept 08

Essential Car User Allowance up to £1,056 Hours: 37 per week • Contract: 3 years Based: Swale, Dover and Thanet.

**To apply/more information:** KCA (UK)  
Quoting Job Ref: REF: 503  
Tel: 01795 590635  
Email: [recruitment@kca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kca.org.uk)

### Extended Schools Coordinator

**Ashford**  
Salary: TBC

Closing Date: 1 September 2008

Are you a qualified Manager? Are you enthusiastic, inspiring, charismatic, focused and determined to succeed? If the answer is yes, read on..... This is a new and exciting developmental role which will provide a fantastic opportunity for an individual to utilise their management and interpersonal skills in an educational environment. Ashford Christ Church is



**Highways - Borough of Ashford****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(CANTERBURY ROAD A252, CHARING, CHALLOCK) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Thin surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Canterbury Road A252, Charing, Challock from between its junction with C561 Faversham Road (top of Charing Hill) to its junction with U1259 Squids Gate Lane (Gliding Club entrance) on or after 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via C561 Faversham Road/Broomfield Lane, A251 Ashford Road/Faversham Road and A252 Canterbury Road, Challock.

This order will come into force on Monday 15 September 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time.

**Highways - District of Canterbury****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(REED AVENUE AND SOUTH STREET, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF  
DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Gas mains replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Reed Avenue and South Street as described in column 1 of this schedule to this order on or after 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of four weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will for each road described in column 1 of this schedule to this order is described in column 3 of this schedule

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes	Programmed Date
Phase 1			
Reed Avenue, Canterbury	Closure of Reed Avenue northbound only from its junction with East Street to its junction with Sturry Road	Via East Street, South Street and Sturry Road	15 September for up to 2 weeks
Phase 2			
South Street, Canterbury	Closure of South Street northbound only from its junction with East Street to its junction with Sturry Road	Via East Street, Reed Avenue and Sturry Road	29 September for up to 2 weeks

This order will come into force on Monday 15 September 2008 and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(KING STREET, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY  
ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new gas service works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on King Street, Canterbury from its junction with Knotts Lane to its junction with Palace Street on 01 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via King Street, Orange Street and Palace Street.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes
King Street	From the junction with Knotts Lane to its junction with Palace Street	Via King Street, Orange Street and Palace Street
King Street	Suspension of existing one way traffic order between Cobden Place and Palace Street	N/A

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(CHURCH LANE, SEASALTER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER  
2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new gas service works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Lane, Seasalter from its junction with A2990 Thanet Way to its junction with Faversham Road on or after 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of five days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Faversham Road, Joy Lane, Borstall Hill, and A2990 Thanet Way.

**Highways - Borough of Dartford****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
BETSHAM ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Betsham Road, Dartford between its junction with Park Corner Road/Westwood Road and Southfleet Road/Highcross Road.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Westwood Road and Highcross Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway repairs.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(OAKFIELD LANE, DARTFORD) (PUFFIN CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC  
REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install a puffin crossing on Oakfield Lane, Dartford, 35.0 metres northwest of the mid point of its junction with Parsons Road.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ, the Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR and at the Wilmington Parish Council, The Pavilion, Oakfield Park, The Spire, Wilmington, DA1 2DT.

**Highways - District of Dover****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(POTTER STREET SANDWICH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY  
ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because renovation works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Potter Street Sandwich from its junction with Strand Street to its junction with Market Street on or after 01 September 2008 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, No Name Street and Market Street.

**Highways - Borough of Maidstone****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(LENHAM ROAD, HEADCORN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER  
2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lenham Road, Headcorn between Baker Lane and Southernden Road on or after Monday 15th September 2008 between 9:30 to 15:00 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is southbound traffic via Headcorn Road, Eastwood Road, Headcorn Road, Tilden Lane, Ulcombe Road and for northbound traffic visa versa.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for service connection works. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tracy Zeal of Ashted Plant Hire Company Ltd on 01666 822000.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF  
TRAFFIC AND WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 15th. September 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Monday 15th. September 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of 30 weeks.

**SCHEDULE 1**

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
A229 Bishops Way, Maidstone from High Street to Mill Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	South/Eastbound traffic via B2012 Staceys Street, Lower Boleley Road, Well Road, Holland Road, A249 Albion Place, A20 Andrew Boughton Way, Ashford Road, A249 Wat Tyler Way, Mote Road and A229 Upper Stone Street. North/Westbound traffic via Knightrider Street (existing one way order rescinded), A249 Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, Albion Place, B2012 Holland Road, Well Road, Lower Boleley Road and Staceys Street.
Palace Avenue, Maidstone from Mill Street to Lower Stone Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	Eastbound traffic as Bishops Way South/Eastbound traffic above.
A229/U694 Mill Street, Maidstone from Knightrider Street to High Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	Northbound traffic as Bishops Way North/Westbound traffic above. Southbound traffic via A20 High Street, A229 Broadway, St Peters Bridge, Fairmeadow and as Bishops Way South/Eastbound traffic above.
U2737 Knightrider Street, Maidstone, from Lower Stone Street to Mill Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	Westbound traffic via A249 Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, Albion Place, B2012 Holland Road, Well Road, Lower Boleley Road, Staceys Street, A229 Fairmeadow. Eastbound traffic to be permitted whilst works are in progress.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when the works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

**Highways - District of Sevenoaks****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
CASTLE ROAD, EYNSFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Road, Eynsford from its junction with A225 Station Road for a distance of 100m.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, Station Road, Church Street, High Street, Castle Farm Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the renewal of BT Poles and Aerial Cabling.

**Highways - District of Shepway****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HORTON PRIORY, PRIORY LANE, SELLINDGE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new booster electricity cable works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Horton Priory, Priory Lane, Sellindge from Horton Priory to its junction with Cock Ash on or after 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of 3 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Southenay Lane, Broad Street and Cock Ash

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(WINDMILL STREET, HYTHE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER  
2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical service works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Windmill Street, Hythe from its junction with Stude Street to its junction with Wood Road on 02 September 2008 for an estimated period of 1 week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Stude Street, Portland Road, St Leonards Road and Albert Road .

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes
Windmill Street	From the junction with Stude Street to its junction with Wood Road	Via Stude Street, Portland Road, St Leonards Road and Albert Road
Windmill Street	Suspension of existing one way traffic order between Stude Street and Albert Road	N/A

**Highways - Borough of Swale****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(A251, BOROUGH OF SWALE) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2008 THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

Notice is hereby given that on 27th August 2008, the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and all other enabling powers, made an Order to amend the speed limits on the A251 Ashford Road, Swale, as set out in the schedule to this notice.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 1st September 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Kent Highway Service, Doubleday House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BU or at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Civic Centre, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME19 3HT

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

**THE SCHEDULE**

Road and extent	Previous Speed Limit	New Speed Limit
A251, between a point 180 metres north of the centre line of its junction with the M2 slip road (west bound) and a point 140 metres south of that junction	60 mph	40 mph
A251, between a point 140 metres south of its junction with the M2 slip road (west bound) and a point 460 metres south of its junction with Porters Lane.	60 mph	50 mph
A251, between a point 460 metres south of its junction with Porters Lane and a point 1080 metres south of that junction.	60 mph	40 mph
A251, between a point 1080 metres south of its junction with Porters Lane and a point 10 metres north of its junction with Plumford Road.	60 mph	50 mph

**For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)**



Road and extent	Previous Speed Limit	New Speed Limit
A251, between a point 10 metres north of its junction with Plumford Road and a point 190 metres south of its junction with Lees Court Road.	50 mph	40 mph
A251, between a point 190 metres south of its junction with Lees Court Road and a point 990 metres south of its junction with Bagshill Road	60 mph	50 mph
A251, between a point 990 metres south of its junction with Bagshill Road and a point 1670 metres south of that junction	50 mph	40 mph
A251, between a point 1670 metres south of its junction with Bagshill Road and a point 75 metres south of its junction with Pested Lane	60 mph	50 mph

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF SWALE) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2007 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

Notice is hereby given that on 27th August 2008, the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, made an Order to amend the speed limits as set out in the schedule to this notice.

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**THE SCHEDULE**

Road and extent	Previous Speed Limit	New Speed Limit
A2 CANTERBURY ROAD, Faversham between a point 53 meters east of its junction with Preston Grove and a point 60 meters east of its junction with Love Lane.	40 mph	30 mph
A2 CANTERBURY ROAD, Faversham - A2 LONDON ROAD Graveney with Goodnestone - Boughton under Bleau between a point 60 meters east of its junction with Love Lane and a point 1400 meters east of that junction.	60 mph	50 mph
GRAVENEY ROAD, Faversham between a point 280 meters east of its junction with Whitstable Road Faversham and a point 505 meters east of that junction	60 mph	30 mph

**Highways - Borough of Swale**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(KINGSNORTH ROAD, FAVERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Kingsnorth Road, Faversham on or after Monday 1st September 2008 for an estimated period of up to 10 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Kingsnorth Road is via London Road, Canute Road and Athelstan Road.

Southern Gas Networks Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which is necessary to replace a gas mains. Should you require any further information these works their contact is Colin Drake on 01233 713502.

**Highways - District of Thanet**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(SEAMARK ROAD BIRCHINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

**For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800  
(local rate) or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)**



Notice is hereby given that because construction of a new access road to the Thanet Earth development works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Seamark Road Birchington from Monkton roundabout to its junction with Plumstone Road from 29 September 2008 for 2 weeks. The alternative route for through traffic will be via A299 and A28.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(THE VALE BROADSTAIRS) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on The Vale Broadstairs from its junction with A255 Ramsgate Road to its junction with St Georges Road on or after 16 September 2008 for an estimated period of 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A255 Ramsgate Road and Luton Avenue.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(KING STREET RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new water supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on King Street Ramsgate from its junction with Alma Place to its junction with Newcastle Hill on or after 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Victoria Road, Victoria Parade, Wellington Crescent and Plains of Waterloo.

**Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HADLOW ROAD, TONBRIDGE) (PUFFIN CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install a puffin crossing on the A26 Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, 100.0 metres south west of the mid point of its junction with Cannon Lane.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ, the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ and at Hadlow Parish Council Offices, The Parish Office, Hadlow Old School Hall, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0EH.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(A25 SEVENOAKS ROAD, BOROUGH GREEN) (PUFFIN CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install a puffin crossing on A25 Sevenoaks Road, Borough Green, 30.0 metres northwest of the mid point of its junction with Western Road.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ and at the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
PLAXTOL LANE, PLAXTOL (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Plaxtol Lane, Plaxtol between its junctions with A227 Tonbridge Road and Tree Lane.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Tree Lane, Yopps Green, Sheet Hill, Bewley Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate access to carriageway boxes for cabling by BT.

**The Insolvency Act 1986  
H R GOODALE LIMITED  
Registered Number: 01115730  
FTB LIMITED**

**T/a Casey & Associates  
Registered Number: 03284726**  
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Companies will be held at 1 Beauchamp Court, Victoria Way, Barnet, Herts, EN5 5TZ on Tuesday, the 18th day of September 2008 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the Companies will be available for inspection on the two business days prior to the above meeting, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm at BBK Partnership, 1 Beauchamp Court, Victoria Way, Barnet, Herts, EN5 5TZ.  
Dated: 22nd August 2008  
Hugh Roy Goodale, Director

**DIAMOND ANIMAL FEEDS LIMITED  
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)**

In accordance with Rule 4.106, Mrs Vera Barwell of BRS Associates Limited, 40 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0NE gives notice that on 27 August 2008 she was appointed Liquidator of the Company by the members and creditors. Notice is hereby given that Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required before 24 September 2008, to send in their full names, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Mrs Vera Barwell of BRS Associates Limited, 40 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0NE the Liquidator of the Company, and if so required by notice in writing, to prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default shall be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.  
Dated: 27 August 2008  
Mrs V Barwell, Liquidator

**The Insolvency Act 1986  
MID KENT STEEL LIMITED  
(In Liquidation)**

**Company Number: 02916448**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that Stephen John Tancock and Stephen John Ashdeah of Smith & Williamson Limited, First Floor, 89 King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1BG were appointed as Joint Liquidators of the above-named Company on 26 August 2008 by the members and creditors of the Company.  
All creditors of the above-named Company are required to send their names and addresses with particulars of their debts or claims to the Joint Liquidators at the above address.  
Dated: 26 August 2008  
S J Tancock, Joint Liquidator

**IRVINE AND DAUGHTERS LIMITED  
(t/a 'All Fired Up')  
(Company Number 5870549)**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 93 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate Folkestone, Kent, CT20 3BY, on Thursday 11th September 2008, at 3.45 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. The Resolutions at the Meeting of Creditors may include a Resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. The Meeting may receive information about, or be asked to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meeting.  
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, a list of names and addresses of the Company's Creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 5th Floor, City Wharf, New Bailey Street, Manchester, M3 5ER, on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.  
Dated: 26 August 2008  
By Order of the Board  
Alexander Irvine, Director

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE and MALLING)  
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(CONSOLIDATION) ORDER (NOTICE OF VARIATION No 1) 2008**

This notice of variation is given by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council pursuant to Section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers. It contains the information required by Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1998.

The Council proposes to vary the charges for the use of the on street parking places listed in Part H, Table (Article 40) of The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order, 2008 as follows:

All Pay and Display parking bays in Avebury Avenue, Danvers Road and Holford Street, Tonbridge

Current Charges	Increased Charges from 22 September 2008	
£0.20	£0.30	Thirty minutes
£0.60	£0.80	One hour
£1.00	£1.50	Two hours
£1.50	£2.10	Three hours

Charges apply Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm

The Council further proposes to vary the charge for a business permit as listed in Part J, Table (Article 48) of The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order, 2008 as follows:

In Zones D, E, F, G, J, K, L, M, N, and P the annual charge of £100.00 will increase to £120.00.

This notice may be cited as THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE and MALLING) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER (NOTICE OF VARIATION No 1) 2008 and shall come into force on Monday 22 September 2008.

David Hughes  
Chief Executive



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## WOMEN FOR MEN

**SINGLE** mum, 20s, outgoing, very caring, loving, enjoys useful things, socialising, music, films, seeks genuine male, for relationship or just friendship. Box 89152 TXT

**28YR** old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'10, slim, attractive, GSOH, seeks nice gentleman for companionship and happy times. Box 440218 TXT

**PETITE**, dark-haired, blue-eyed female, 30, fun and friendly, bubbly, bored of being single, looking for a lovely man to take me out. Box 895349 TXT

**PRETTY** black female, 31, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, WLTm, tall, white, loving, 34-47, for LTR. Box 437778 TXT

**SLIM** lady, 31, shoulder-length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people. Mark, the pub owner, please call and leave contact details! Box 433131 TXT

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**32YR** old teacher, 5ft, green eyes, Auburn hair, enjoys theatre, cinema and music, seeking for a genuine a guy to share everything with. Box 443067 TXT

**CURVY** brunette, 33, 5'4, single mum, WLTm a special man, divorced or separated, to share the nice things in life with. Box 443255

**CURVY** brunette, 5'4, hazel eyes, single mum, looking for that special passionate and caring man to share good times with. Box 443256

**LAID-BACK** yet outgoing nurse, 32, 5'2, faithful, happy, love swimming, the gym, seeking similar down-to-earth male, 35-50, for hopeful relationship. Box 442916

**I'M** a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, positive, upbeat man. Box 899177

**ATTRACTIVE**, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional and attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells area preferred. Box 308734

**DIVORCED** lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

**HIYA**, I'm 36, WLTm any solvent men for a serious relationship, I like going out and having a good night, pubs, karaoke... Box 888159

**MUM** of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in outdoor places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

**ATTRACTIVE** and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442392

**BRUNETTE** female, 36yrs old, single mum, enjoys socialising, DIY, romantic moments and family activities, WLTm a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393

**FUN-LOVING** single mum, 37, 5'8, loves going out, staying in and having fun, WLTm a male to be my knight in shining armour. Box 443290

**BLACK-HAIRED**, brown-haired female, 37, recently separated, seeking genuine male for fun, evenings out, perhaps in, perhaps love. Box 443407

**SINGLE** mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 900503

**LOVING** female, 36, 5'4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**PROFESSIONAL** 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077

**HARD-WORKING** female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

**SINGLE** mum with own property, 43, loves running, swimming and keeping fit, wicked SOH, seeking someone to make me laugh and spend good times with. Box 443081

**CARING**, loving, attractive female, 41, N/S, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 807291

**FUN-LOVING** 41, happy, caring, N/S, size 12, 5'3, likes to laugh, enjoy most things, looking for a special person to share my life. Eastbourne. Box 897642

**FUN-LOVING**, affectionate, 41, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

**BUBBLY**, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male. Box 905614

**LOVELY** single mum, 38, 5'4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889

**ATTRACTIVE** brunette, kind, caring, genuine, 39, 5'10, WLTm very good-looking, fit gentleman, loyal, caring, honest, to enjoy walks, music, dancing, cooking, family life and more with. Box 374656

**ATTRACTIVE** 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

**NURSE**, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male. Box 431557

**MANDY**, 39, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTm honest, romantic N/S man. Box 423639

**LOVELY**, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

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**LOVELY**, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for compa-

**KIND**, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

**HARD-WORKING** independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205

**GENUINE** female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275

**OUTGOING** girl, 42, dark hair, brown eyes, likes swimming, walking, cycling, riding horses, outdoor sports, seeking similar male for love. Box 443501

**YOUNG** looking 40yr old, 5'7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442989

**PROFESSIONAL** 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077

**ATTRACTIVE** female, 45, slim-medium build, 5'5, 6'1, brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 438367

**44YR** old female, blonde hair, 5'5, slim, independent, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 438810

**SLIM**, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100

**HI**, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTm gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles and perhaps level Box 440297

**SINCERE**, happy woman, with GSOH, I'm 5'6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTm similar guy. Box 895019

**CARING** person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 898783

**PROFESSIONAL** female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar guy for loving relationship. Box 443198

**HELP** me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

**PETITE**, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

**EASYGOING** female, GSOH, 45, 5'4, medium build, brown hair, blue-grey eyes, likes animals, Motown/70s music, films, friendly pups, WLTm friendly male for hopeful friendship/relationship. Box 443579

**FUN** extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving man. Box 165367

**AFFECTIONATE** tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 443625

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**LEE**, driver, 36yr old, 6'1, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

**HONEST**, kind, caring male, 37, blonde, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female Sarah, call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

**I'M** 38, 5'11, average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056

**WILL**, 38, enjoys rock/pop music, films and travelling, seeking long haired princess to treat well and live happily ever after with. Box 888618

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Box 914917

**PLEASANT** male, 39, 6ft, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music, socialising, WLTm genuine lady for fun friendship, maybe romance. Box 441326

**HI**, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love and happiness. Box 889945

**CARING** single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking, WLTm lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! Box 963330

**MUSCULAR** male, 42, 5'8, enjoys many interests, looking for that special lady 25-50, looks important, to love & take care of. Sussex. Box 443460

**I'M** 42, medium build, 5'10, not fat! lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440021

**43-YEAR-OLD** single man, 5'9, slim, N/S, from N Ireland, love walks, conversation, socialising, seeking a female 45-55, caring, looking for a possible loving future. Box 438291

**YOUNG-LOOKING**, slim male, 43yr old, 5'10, enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTm a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate. Box 441706

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**GENUINE**, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover. Box 435441

**NON-SMOKING** mum with GSOH, 50, 5'8, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821

**HI**, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 421610

**SPORTY** female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

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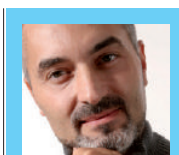
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## MEN FOR WOMEN

**51R**, blond-haired, blue-eyed, average-build guy, 23, likes hanging out with friends, trying new things, meeting new people, seeking similar guy for mutual love. Box 888422

**HANDSOME**, intelligent, humorous man, 29, 6'1", short brown hair, blue/green/grey eyes, seeking lovely, young woman, 23-30, to charm and amuse. Box 888453

**MARK**, 35, attractive single dad, loves spending time with my children, going to the cinema and eating out, WLTm similar female for everlasting love. Gillingham. Box 443495

**ATTRACTIVE** single dad, 35, funny, laid-back, down-to-earth, enjoys swimming, eating out, cinema, searching for female to walk through life with. Box 443625

**IM** 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178

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**CARING**, understanding, not bad-looking, romantic male, 42, grey-silver hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possible more. Box Cranbrook. Box 737529

**43YR** old lad, 5'8, medium build, average looks, GSOH, seeks less, 30-40, to share some good times with. Eastbourne. Box 443403

**OLD** romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5'7, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, WLTm female to settle down with and find love. Box 434310

**DOWN-TO-EARTH** male, 43, 5'10, GSOH, WLTm a female with nice personality and figure, 26-40, for a serious relationship, no time wasters please! Box 443512

**ATTRACTIVE**, considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks special lady to take out, a soulmate. Box 442191

**ACTIVE**, 43, 5'8, nice looking, active, non-smoker, clean & tidy, respectable, living in Hastings, Sussex area... Yes, the guy you should be calling! Box 894985

**CONFIDENT** male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTm someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411

**WARM**, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

**ACTIVE** male, 45, 6'2", medium build, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 929093

**LOVING** 45yr old male, loves the countryside, walks on the beach and motorbikes but not being on my own. Seeking male for a LTR. Box 888626

**PROFESSIONAL** male, 45, own home/cars, likes cinema, week-ends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202

**HI** there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme park! seeking slim lady 30-45 for possible relationship... Box 439919

**GENTLE** kind male, 48, 5'9, medium build, WLTm nice, attractive, friendly, fun to be with lady who likes going out and socialising, for friendship first. Box 442869

**MUSCULAR** and attractive 48yr old male, 6'2, GSOH, enjoy eating out, travelling and cinema, seeking similar female for friendship and love. Hailsham. Box 435518

**YOUNG** at heart 48yr old male, active with many interests, WLTm a caring and loving female, 45-55, for a LTR. Rye. Box 443463

**DOG-LOVING** guy, I'm 47, 5'8, with short hair/green eyes, slim, I love gardening, country walks, sports - football/hennis, DIY, animals. Box 428800

**YOUTHFUL** dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737529





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## Laguna's Coupé version to light up current line-up

By **STEVE LOADER**

AS halo models go, Renault's forthcoming Laguna Coupé glows more righteously than most.

And it needs to, because the current and rather humdrum Laguna hatchback and estate need every bit of charisma they can get by association with this new Coupé.

The newcomer is due here in October with two new Renault-Nissan Alliance engines: a 3.5-litre V6 240bhp petrol and similarly potent 3.0 V6 dCi 235bhp diesel.

Unlike most of its everyday namesake sisters, the Coupé is also claimed to be a driver's delight with an 'Active Drive' chassis equipped with four-wheel steering – as fitted to the Renault Laguna GT hatch and estate models – for peak handling and manoeuvrability and braking control.

But it is the car's elegant styling, with full four-seat ability that is most likely to court buyers' attention, as it did when unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September 2007.

Simple flowing lines and a curvaceous glazed area are given an aggressive slant by big 17 or 18-inch alloys and pronounced



creases on the long bonnet and above the sills.

However, Renault is also keen to shout about what is under the bonnet, proclaiming that the new V6 performance diesel should "become a benchmark in terms of performance and driving pleasure" – a clear challenge to arch-rival Peugeot-Citroën's classy 2.7 V6 turbodiesel unit created in association with Ford.

Though the car will be launched with just the two closely-matched petrol or diesel alternatives, the French marque promises that the Laguna Coupé will also be available quite soon with other engines already seen in the mainstream Laguna line-up.



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# FIRST GEAR

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## Sales blast off after Smart's slow burn

SALES of Smart's Fortwo city car have rocketed nearly 100 per cent so far this year.

No other car brand in the UK market comes close to such genuine and explosive growth – albeit 10 years after a mould-breaking debut when Swatch watch inventor Nicolas G. Hayek and Mercedes-Benz (M-B) combined a rigid passenger safety shell in the great M-B tradition with Swatch-style customisation of body panels.

Cult status followed without big sales, largely due to a bumpy ride, so interior and jerky auto gearbox – disaster on such a short wheelbase.

M-B righted these wrongs with the Mark II model last year and must be delighted by current sales. To kick volumes even higher, the brand launches the Limited Two special edition on 1 September.

Based on the popular 71bhp Smart Fortwo Passion and able to return 70mpg on the official extra urban cycle, the Limited Two sells as a coupé or cabrio for £9,575, undercutting the Passion's start price of £10,495 while gaining extra kit.

See [www.carsforkent.co.uk](http://www.carsforkent.co.uk) for Steve Loader's Motors TV report on the Smart.

SEAT is engineering a return to classic colours and silver and metallic might soon be old hat, flattened by – wait for it – straight red, yellow, blue and even white.

Of course, the sporty Spanish brand, does not refer to these shades so simply; like all car-makers, it makes Dulux and Crown sound like amateurs when inventing paint finishes.

'Candy White' is the latest hit, notching 886 Seat sales so far this year – a 3,592 per cent increase on the 24 registered in the same period in 2007.

Having rejuvenated red and yellow on hotter models, the VW group brand has big plans for other neglected colours, offering them via its new 'Custom Palette' and charging an extra £550 for the privilege.

Shades include 'Lumina Orange' on Leon models and even 'Speed Blue' (pictured on Leon Cupra), which looks ominously close to what motor trade wags used to call 'Rep' or 'Doom Blue'.

Good luck to Seat though – I'm fed up with silver.

## Seat's 'Doom Blue' to put colour back in the charts



NOT sure what Audi's reaction is to the new A3 Convertible being voted top convertible and Car of The Year by women's car-buying website [evecars.com](http://evecars.com).

There is no doubt that the classy little soft top is a favourite with the ladies – especially in white – but did the German brand really want the boys alienated quite so much?

Evecars' category winners for the ladies, plus our own verdicts were:

• Best supermini/city car: Fiat 500 – no surprises there.

• Best MPV: Citroen C4 Grand Picasso – it carries seven and makes a great handbag too.

• Best 4x4: Land Rover Discovery – far too big.

• Best sports car: Audi TT – why should men have all the fun?

• Best executive car: Jaguar XF – the ladies have good taste.

• Best green car: BMW 3-Series – quite right.

• Best family car: Hyundai i30 – the secret is out.

## 'Thanks girls' says Audi



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# Scirocco scorches back onto market

by  
**STEVE LOADER**

AN absence of 14 years is blasted away in September with the hurricane force of its namesake wind, when the VW Scirocco returns to the UK market.

The driver-orientated original and its edgy Giorgetto Giugiaro-designed body made a huge impact in 1974, to be followed by an equally popular, though arguably less dramatic Mark II in 1981.

The latter was supplanted and eventually replaced by the much-missed and more muscular Corrado in 1993 – this in turn, was axed three years later.

And then nothing...until now, with VW evoking the status of the original dynasty



**EYE-CATCHING:** The new Scirocco is being marketed as the most advanced VW coupe ever

as well as trumpeting the newcomer: it says the new Scirocco's dramatic styling clothes the "most dynamic and technologically advanced production coupé Volkswagen has ever built".

Priced from around £20,500, the original Scirocco formula is carried over: sharp coupé styling, four seats, practical hatchback boot and sharp and responsive dynamics, with a distinctive difference – the VW roundel has

moved from grille to bonnet to allow a sharper and more aerodynamic nose.

The 292-litre boot compares well with the current Golf hatchback's 350 though folding the rear seats to extend this to 755, compared with the Golf's 1,305, shows the penalty of the rakish coupé rear.

But load-carrying is a bonus rather than an essential for this eye-catching new car and VW stresses that the Scirocco has two contoured rear seats and decent headroom and, while it looks big, wide and low slung, has a road footprint to compare with the current Golf GTI.

The coupé's hatch is topped by a subtle aerodynamic wing and buyers can specify a panoramic sunroof to enhance what is claimed to be an airy interior for a coupé.

The new Scirocco launches here with a turbocharged 198bhp 2.0-litre four-cylinder petrol engine married to either a six-speed manual or six-speed twin-clutch DSG auto gearbox. Common rail diesel and more petrol engines are promised before the end of 2008.

## Subaru Legacy goes flat out for diesel sales

SUBARU has made its excellent new diesel engine available on the Legacy saloon (from £19,995) in a move that could pay big dividends, writes Steve Loader.

The Japanese all-wheel drive specialist's big estates – the Legacy version and high-riding Outback sister – gained the powerplant first in a move calculated to keep regular Subaru customers happy.

But the saloon's acquisition should help Subaru grow market share with new recruits to its star cluster badge, after struggling against upmarket rivals due to a lack of diesel power as an alter-

native to the relative thirstiness of its bigger petrol engines.

Having driven the new diesel recently in the Outback, we can confirm that this engine delivers all of the usual benefits of Subaru's 40-year devotion to horizontally-opposed cylinder or 'boxer' engines and more.

This layout gives the car a lower centre of gravity and lively performance, but the benefits to a diesel from the boxer's lower vibration and smoothness makes the saloon, in particular, a serious executive car contender with the benefit of 4x4 thrown in. Subaru claims the engine is so

quiet on the move that the quoted 70.5 decibels is actually lower than a Rolls-Royce Phantom's.

The 2.0-litre horizontally-opposed engine develops 148bhp and class-leading economy and exhaust emissions, averaging more than 50mpg with 148 g/km CO<sub>2</sub>. Performance is also impressive at 129mph maximum and 0-60mph in 8.3 seconds.

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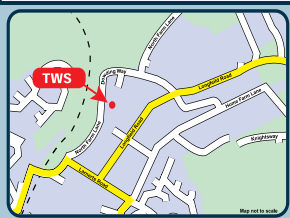
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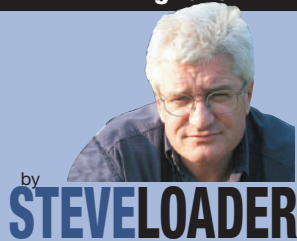
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## DrivingReview



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## Hyundai i10

OUR first reviews of Hyundai's all-new i10 baby car suggested that the Korean carmaker's sales forecasts were too conservative.

It is now clear that the projections were dictated by the company's ability to meet demand as car ownership soars globally at a time of higher oil prices.

Hyundai claims that all UK dealerships have waiting lists for i10s though, perversely, claims that a new 1.2-litre engine option for September will allow production to increase and better meet demand.

We haven't yet driven this version, but Hyundai says it is more refined and livelier than the 1.1-litre tested here, without penalties in fuel economy, emissions or major price increases – trading up from 1.1 to 1.2 costs £150-200, so the 1.1 option's days look numbered.

The 1.2 also maintains the i10 line-up's compliance with road tax band-B (£35/year), at least in manual transmission form, while gaining a fifth more pulling power – top speed rises from 94 to 102mph and the test car's glacial 0-62mph of 15.6 seconds is pruned to a 'real world' 12.8 seconds better

# Cometh the hour, cometh the motor



suited to cut and thrust urban driving and emerging from junctions.

Other tweaks include some trim improvements and the option to add ESP (electronic

stability programme) although, as we report here, the little i10 is no slouch in the handling department.

Hyundai's five-door baby replaced and vast-

ly improved upon the truly awful Amica earlier this year and, while it resembles the Picanto produced by Korean sister brand Kia, it is no clone – the i10 is 30mm longer, 70mm



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Model shown includes metallic paint and 'Sierra' alloys £20,500.



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taller and has an extra 10mm of wheelbase compared with the Kia.

Contrasts with the Picanto are even sharper on-road; the Kia performs adequately for a short car where balancing ride quality and chassis dynamics is always a tough call, but the i10 is a class higher around town even if motorway refinement could be better – though Hyundai says the new 1.2-litre makes a better fist of this.

Interior 'space engineering' is impressive, comfort levels are good and this high-roof car can be crammed like a van when the rear seats are folded.

Some of the textured trimming looks cheap though and the steering wheel feels low rent; as the most touched control, Hyundai should have tried harder and it is interesting to note that range upgrades now include a leather-trimmed wheel for flagship Style models – I think we can expect the same feature to trickle downwards as i10 availability starts to match demand.

There is no street cred in the styling either, but the big deal is a £6,745-8,345 price range – which limits the number of five-door rivals (see below) – air con as standard, a potential average of nearly 60mpg

and Hyundai's worry-free five-year/unlimited mileage warranty.

'Price walks' – as the trade likes to call them – between trims are just £500 so mid-priced Comfort models look great value until you see that the same again buys the almost luxuriously-appointed £7,595 Style flagship, adding electric windows all round, alloys, heated front seats, powered sunroof, under floor luggage box and rear spoiler.

As Hyundai points out, such an equipment list would have been restricted to cars costing twice the price 10 years ago.

So, providing supply really can start meeting

## DrivingStats

- Hyundai i10 1.1 Comfort £7,345
- Range: £6,745-8,345
- Garage stats: 3.56m by 1.59m five-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 1,086cc/65bhp four-cylinder turbodiesel driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 94mph and 0-62mph in 15.6 seconds
- How green?: road tax band-B (£35/yr), CO2 emissions/119g per km
- Official fuel figures: combined 56.5mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): \*\*\*\*
- Fuel tank: 35 litres/7.7 gallons
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- Website: www.hyundai.co.uk
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# 'Efficiency' is no paper tiger

PAPER mountains should be conquered and eroded down, according to Government-funded sustainable business programme Envirowise.

It's urging South East businesses to think twice about trigger-happy printing, saying more than half of all office workers admit to wastefully printing documents – with up to 120 billion pages being printed every year.

Paper, it says, has become one of the biggest waste challenges facing UK offices with about half of all office waste being paper-based.

A massive 4.7 million tonnes of paper and board is entering the waste system each year in the UK. And contrary to the expected trend towards the paperless office, the UK consumes about 12.5 million tonnes of paper and board annually.

So Envirowise is calling on office workers, who on average each get through more than 22 pages a day, to do more to combat paper wastage. Holly Firmin, South East regional manager, said: "Unnecessary printing of

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emails, multiple copies, single-sided printing and the sending of massive documents to the printer, which are unlikely to be read, are just some of the results of accidental printing."

The cost of generating office waste to businesses can be as much as four per cent of turnover.

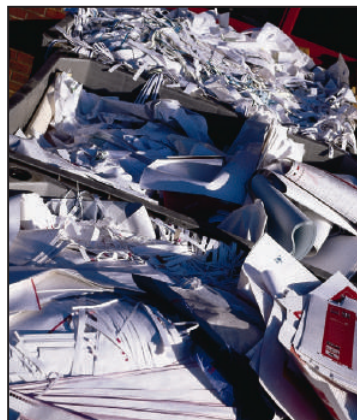
Envirowise says that the true cost of waste can actually be between five and ten times the cost to a business of disposing of it.

Ms Firmin said: "Most offices will find they can reduce waste costs by about 20 per cent through simple no-cost or low-cost actions."

Can you spot your colleagues here?

- The Pointless Printer: prints everything because they like to have a hard copy of all documents, even emails.

- The Competitive Printer: the bigger the pile of what they perceive to be "crucial" documents, the more important they think they look.



**WHAT A WASTE:** But there are easy ways to reduce office paper consumption

- The Old School Printer: can't comment on an email request without printing it and thinks it is impossible to edit documents on screen. They can only do so by printing off and writing amendments on the paper copy.

- The Hasty Printer: presses the print button before checking quantity or length of documents.

- The Sneaky Printer: aware they are over-printing but can't live without their paper. Makes sudden dashes to the printer to grab what is possibly personal printing before anyone sees them.

- The Perfect Printer: uses double-sided recycled paper, only prints what is essential and likes to share documents with the team.

Since 1994, Envirowise has helped UK firms save more than £1 billion by enabling them to reduce their environmental footprint.

The Green Efficiency Toolkit, issued by Envirowise, helps workers identify low-cost ways to make savings, as well as improving their company's environmental credentials.

It is free from Envirowise website <http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/greenefficiency>.

SOUTH East consumers claim they are getting more environmentally conscious, but nearly a third say they wouldn't pay more in shops for a "greener" basket of goods.

According to research conducted for KPMG, two out of every five people are prepared to pay extra for eco-friendly goods and services in shops, which could put about £10 more a week on the regular shopping bill.

But more than a half say they wouldn't, with 29 per cent saying definitely not.

The survey of more than 2,000 adults, carried out for KPMG by YouGov in the ITV Meridian region, found that 91 per cent believe they have become more environmentally conscious in the last five years.

More recycling at home was reported by 87 per cent, followed by using more efficient devices such as low-energy light bulbs (68 per cent) and using fewer plastic bags (72 per cent) as the most common measures.

## Ignore green concerns at your peril, firms warned

But deeper changes, such as changing transport and travel behaviours, have yet to take hold. Only 23 per cent say they take more public transport now than five years ago, only 12 per cent fly less, and just eight per cent say they have bought a low-emission car. Paul Gresham, senior partner for KPMG, said: "The good news for environmentalists is that the green message has certainly got through to people and behaviours in the region have changed."

"The bad news is that most people are still at 'base camp', with relatively small domestic

measures such as recycling more and fitting low-energy light bulbs. More fundamental behaviours such as transport attitudes are much harder to tackle and will take time."

Perceptions of corporate efforts to be greener are not highly favourable. Three quarters of respondents rated companies' efforts to reduce their packaging as poor, 57 per cent were not impressed by efforts to reduce the environmental impact of their transport operations, and 43 per cent rated efforts to cut energy use as poor.

Companies received highest ratings on use

of online communications over paper – 33 per cent rated their efforts in this area as good or very good – and recycling, with 32 per cent rating them as good or very good.

Interestingly, older respondents tended to give more critical assessments of companies' performance than younger age groups.

Mr Gresham said: "There are important messages here for business. Consumers feel that there is more for companies to do in reducing their environmental impact."

"That is probably inevitable, as tackling carbon emissions is a long-term issue that can't be solved by quick fixes. It is a sustained process over time that can significantly reinforce brand and trust."

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The awards – widely seen as the Oscars of the food industry – are in their 15th year.

Much more than a recognition of excellence, Great Taste Awards are a powerful tool in

helping to grow a business in the speciality food sector.

The firm has received more Great Taste Awards than any other drinks manufacturer and its Apple & Strawberry also won the soft drinks category in the recent Ideas To Dine For competition at the Food and Drink Expo in Birmingham recently.

Producer David Deme said: "With two generations of experience in growing some of the

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NEARLY two out of every three landlords in the South East and London are breaking the law by failing to properly protect their tenants' deposits, research has revealed.

A survey by the Deposit Protection Service (DPS) found 63 per cent of landlords in the region willing to admit openly to prospective tenants that they were not registered with any deposit protection scheme – as required by law.

Not only is tenants' money being put at risk but landlords are also leaving themselves open to hefty fines.

Although the South East is by no means the worst area – the figures in the North and North West were 80 per cent and 76 per cent respectively – it was beaten only by Wales, the East and the East Midlands in all nine English and Welsh regions.

Across England and Wales, 62 per cent of landlords had not registered their deposits, 18 per cent were registered with DPS, 14 per cent with other schemes – and amazingly six per cent did not know about deposit protection legislation. The DPS carried out the survey after mounting evidence that landlords were continuing to keep the deposits "in their back pockets" despite it being a clear breach of the law which came in 15 months ago.

Kevin Firth, client services director, said: "These figures are staggering. What is particularly shocking is that when asked, landlords were willing to openly admit that they were flouting the law, either by design or through ignorance."

"Fifteen months after the legislation was introduced there is no excuse for failing to properly protect your tenants' deposits."

"Landlords need to understand that failing to register a deposit is quite simply an unlawful act and ignorance is no defence."

The DPS itself works by holding a tenant's deposit for the term of the tenancy. At the end of the rental period, the deposit, and a portion of the interest it has accumulated, is paid back to whoever is entitled to it. The remaining interest is used to fund the service.

The DPS has already returned interest payments of more than £450,000 at the end of tenancies. Under the legislation, landlords who fail to register a deposit face being fined up to three times the value of the deposit and losing their eviction rights.



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# Not making a will is an act of folly

By **TONY PATEY**

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ONE in every two people in England and Wales has not made a will.

That statistic comes from National Consumer Council research which reveals that more than 27 million of us have not taken the crucial step.

Also, less than a third of people aged 65 and over – 30 per cent, which represents more than 2.5 million people with a life expectancy of less than 20 years – have made a will.

The survey found that more than four out of five cohabitating couples have not made a will, almost four in five households with dependent children also haven't, while only 27 per cent of people on low-incomes have made a will compared with 70 per cent of higher earners.

Graham Edwards, partner in the private client team at law firm Buss Murton, has highlighted this worrying situation and the possible loss it may cause to families and children after changes announced by Chancellor Alastair Darling now going through Parliament.

"They will ease the potential inheritance tax burden on many families – proposals will potentially allow a married couple, or those in a civil partnership, to double their inheritance tax allowance – but they do not in any way reduce the need to ensure that you make a valid will before you die," he said.

"They affect only the tax that may be payable. The problems that may be caused to those you leave behind have not been eased at all."

Many people assume their estate will automatically go to their spouse, partner or next of kin. This is not necessarily the case. From the point of view of inheritance, a "next of kin" has no special status and may receive nothing at all.

Mr Edwards, who works in the firm's Tunbridge Wells office, said: "If you do not make a will, a special set of rules, known as the intestacy rules, will decide how your estate is to be divided."

"These rules dictate who gets what. It's really an old-fashioned form of the lottery. You won't be around to be a winner, but those you may not want to win will be."

"The only way to ensure your estate goes to those you want to benefit is to make a will. It can avoid the possibility of disputes, but just because you may have made a will doesn't mean you need do nothing more."

"You should update your will, particularly if your personal or domestic circumstances change."

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4. Obtain medical advice and discuss this with your employee.

5. Decide whether you should initiate steps to terminate your employee's employment. If you decide to terminate his/her employment, it is very important that all the necessary steps (in-

cluding the Statutory Disciplinary and Dismissal Procedure) are followed, to ensure that you are protected from any claims your employee might bring, particularly for unfair dismissal and disability discrimination.

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## IRIS sees opportunity

A FINANCIAL management computer system for mid-sized organisations is at the centre of a takeover involving a Kent IT firm.

St Nicholas at Wade-based 5 Star Computer Systems has been taken over by the Bournemouth-based IRIS Software Group, reckoned to be the largest privately owned software business in the UK.

IRIS, founded in 1979, bought the Exchequer system from its developers, Rob Steele and Eduardo Loigorri, also based in Bournemouth, in 2005.

Exchequer has won awards and IRIS says sales are increasing 15 per cent year on year. 5 Star was a leading reseller and partner of the system. There are

about 25 employees at 5 Star, founded in 1994, and their jobs are said to be safe.

Exchequer is rated the best mid-range software product for business by the Institute of Chartered Accountants and is three-times winner and current holder of the Financial Software Provider of the Year title in the industry's excellence awards.

Its customer retention rates of 95 per cent year on year are among the highest in the industry. 5 Star has been top reseller of Exchequer for some years.

The founders of 5 Star, Andrew and Graeme Clarke, will remain involved in the operation and will focus on bringing benefits to customers through resources of the wider IRIS Group.



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MEDIA consultant Adrian Westwood, pictured below, has been accepted into the ranks of the industry's premier trade body, the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.



He is senior account manager with public relations consultancy DTW Vavasour, based in Ashford, and has nearly 15 years' experience in public relations, crisis management, travel journalism and events organisation, in the private and public sectors.

The CIPR is the largest professional body of its kind in Europe and just 9,000 people worldwide have been accepted as members.

DTW Vavasour is one of the leading full-service public relations and marketing agency specialising in the local government, environment, training, energy and waste management sectors and employs 13 staff.

Mr Westwood's experience includes working for the Environment Agency National Press Office, the Government's Nuclear Emergency Planning Liaison Group, Ashford council, Hastings council and the Anglo-American retail developer BAA/McArthurGlen. He also studied crisis PR management at the Home Office Emergency Planning College.



**WELL DONE: Anthony Brand, left, with IGF's Steve Leeves**

COMPANY director Anthony Brand could soon be flying high after keeping his company's data up to date.

Mr Brand, of HW Chartered Accountants in Armstrong Road, Maidstone, won himself a £250 Red Letter Day from Kings Hill-based finance provider IGF, as part of a purge to keep their database clean.

IGF offered the prize as an incentive to customers to update their data. Regional sales director Steve Leeves, who presented Mr Brand with his prize, said: "All businesses should keep their databases clean and up to date, but not all of them do."

HW is part of the Haines Watts Group and services clients throughout the South East.

OPENING a new office in Tunbridge Wells is invoice finance provider Ultimate Finance. The group already has offices in Bristol and Manchester and has recruited two senior operators who will boost the company's presence in and around London.

The new office will be led by managing director Maria Dunne, who has 20 years' experience in the financial sector, most recently as senior manager of the international department of Barclays Sales Financing.

Alongside her will be Tim Chaplin, who joins as a regional director. He has ten years' sales and business development experience, including three years with GE Capital.

Chief executive Richard Pepler said: "We've always had ambitions to open an office in the South East, but it was important to wait until we had the right team on board."

PORCELAIN and silver antiques dealer William Buck, of Steppes Hill Farm Antiques, Sittingbourne,

has stepped down as representative of the British Antique Dealers' Association in the South East after nearly 30 years' service.

Taking over is his son, Christopher, who has been dealing in English furniture for 25 years and exhibits at London antiques fairs and at his shop in Sandgate, near Folkestone.

Christopher will also be joining in the association's 90th anniversary exhibitions programme by holding an exhibition at his shop on September 20 and 21.

KENTS oldest drinks manufacturer Silver Spring has strengthened its national sales team with the appointment of four experienced sales managers – Chris Scanlon, Hayley Stevenson, Tami Satchel and Marcia Bourne.

Mr Scanlon joins as business development manager for the West Midlands and South West from Glaxo-SmithKline, where he was part of the sales team responsible for Lucozade and Ribena, and Ms Stevenson joins as business development manager for the North East and the East Midlands from Carlsberg UK, where she was a sales manager.

Ms Satchel joins as a national account manager, taking responsibility for Asda, Morrisons, Boots and Iceland. She joins from Freixenet, a leading supplier of branded and own-label still and sparkling wines, where she was a national account manager.

And Ms Bourne also joins as a national account manager, taking responsibility for Tesco, Sainsbury and Waitrose. She joins from Premier Foods.

Silver Spring is a family-owned firm and was founded in 1870. It employs 260 staff at its Folkestone headquarters. Its leading brands include Perfectly Clear and it also produces Virgin Cola under licence.

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**POT BLACK: Barry Manley receives his trophy from Steve Davis**

RAMSGATE-based Elephant Windows' parent company Piper Double Glazing has been voted best in the South East for customer satisfaction for the second year running.

The company's Barry Manley received the trophy from snooker legend Steve Davis at the recent annual meeting.

Mr Davis works as ambassador for trade organisation Network VEKA, which collated the votes of 16,000 households across Britain and Ireland.

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## New approach for Kent's Hawkins

BARRY Hawkins began the new snooker season in style by reaching the quarter-finals of a ranking event for the first time in almost two years.

The 29-year-old (pictured), from Dartford, is hoping for a good season to re-enter the game's elite top 16. He got off to a great start in the Northern Ireland Trophy, beating Jimmy White, Marco Fu and Ryan Day.

Hawkins' manager Brandon Parker believes his player will go on to have a good season.

He said: "Barry has put in a lot of work during the summer on the mental side of the game. He has been too nice in the past but the new approach is starting to pay dividends."

This set up a clash with Ronnie O'Sullivan in the last eight, which was played after Kent on Sunday went to press. For the result, visit [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).



Picture: REX

## London's calling for hockey star Clewlow

MEL Clewlow will wait until the autumn to make a decision on her international hockey career, but has hinted she will carry on playing with a view to competing in a third Olympics in 2012.

The 32-year-old was an ever-present in the Great Britain women's hockey team which finished sixth in Beijing.

Clewlow was the oldest member of the squad and passed 250 international caps during the tournament. The Canterbury defender will be 36 by the time the next Olympics gets under way and has been given until October by coach Danny Kerry to make a decision.

She told Kent on Sunday: "I imagine if it wasn't London I would definitely say I was done in terms of the Olympics. The way I feel at the moment a week after Beijing I don't feel ready to retire."

"At 32 it's quite difficult to say that I'm

going to be here for the next four years because I don't know what's going to happen with my body and things like that. I would like to play if I can until 2010 and then see how I'm feeling and make a decision from there."

Clewlow took a year's sabbatical to devote herself to hockey full-time in the run-up to Beijing. In addition to fitness, the demands made on the players will be a factor in her decision.

She said: "People have jobs and lives, [the players] have sacrificed quite a lot already but it feels like they want more. The flip side is we made a commitment for a year and finished sixth, so how much better would we be with a commitment of two or three years?"

"After finishing sixth I feel hockey is on the up and I would hate to say enough's enough and the team went on to win things. I would be gutted."



Picture: ADY KERRY

**WAITING GAME:** Mel Clewlow will decide on her international future in the autumn

# The highs and lows on the track to an Olympic dream

**While gold medallist Jamie Staff celebrates fulfilling an Olympic dream, sports reporter TOM HOWARD reveals how the Kent athlete almost gave up the sport**

FROM Brabourne to Beijing, Kent cyclist Jamie Staff showed the Olympic spirit lives on as he finally clinched his ultimate triumph of claiming gold at the games.

Just two weeks ago in the Lao Shan Velodrome in Beijing, 25 years of cycling came to fruition, as Staff crossed the line to claim gold in the team sprint with Chris Hoy and Jason Kenny.

The 35-year-old returned to England on Monday with the rest of Team GB and is still coming to terms with the culmination of his life-long dream.

Staff said: "It is like the final chapter to get that Olympic medal everyone dreams about. If something was to happen to me I could retire from the sport happy."

"The second Chris crossed the line I started crying in my helmet and I was ecstatic. The last four years of training flashes before you and there is that sense of accomplishment."

"At Heathrow the British Airways staff lined the runway and it gave me a sense of the magnitude of our achievement."

"Everything is just so surreal, the special flight back and the gold nose on the plane."

For Staff his Olympic story began in Brabourne, Ashford, taking up BMX racing at the age of nine with the Folkestone Flyers Club. He turned professional and moved to America where he became world champion in 1996.

However, after racing BMXs for 19 years,



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**HAPPY:** Jamie Staff celebrates his win with wife Melia and twins Grace and Theodore

the lure of the Olympic Games led Staff to switch to track cycling in 2002. Within a year he became team sprint world champion.

He said: "I was getting older and with BMX you get a lot of injuries. My heart was not in it."

"I had a go at track cycling and I didn't think I would be any good, but I turned out to be okay. I got into the GB team and before I knew it I was in the Commonwealth Games in 2002."

Things did not go all Staff's way, however,

as dreams of an Olympic gold were shattered in Athens in 2004.

The experience left a bitter taste in his mouth and saw him quit the sport he loves for six months following a harsh disqualification. Staff went into the games as favourite for a medal in the Keirin and the team sprint after a successful season.

He said: "To be disqualified for the move I did which, I did not think was bad at all, was very harsh. I couldn't believe it."

"I was pretty bitter and didn't ride a bike for six months and moved back to America with my wife. I left Athens not really interested in the sport."

"It was only the manager of the GB cycling team who got me back into it. He got me on a bike and I still was not interested. He said, 'give it a week' and as soon as I was riding again I was enjoying it. In a few months I was world champion in 2005 and addicted again."

A further four years of hard training led to his success in Beijing, where he was part of a record breaking medal haul by the Great Britain cycling team, which won seven golds. Staff feels the feat may never be achieved or bettered, but is hoping to be proved wrong in London 2012.

"I am going to sit down with my wife and talk about it before I make decision to compete at 2012," he said. "I would be 39 but it has been done before. I still love the sport and I am going to take it a year at a time. I may consider becoming a coach at some point in the future."

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# 'It's a big year to prove ourselves'

England captain CHARLOTTE EDWARDS reflects on the strength of her team and the future of women's cricket



**B**EING captain of your country can often be full of ups and downs, but the England team are on the crest of a wave and we seem to be peaking at just the right time.

We did really well to win the NatWest Women's International Twenty20 series 3-0 coming off the back of the NatWest Women's Series that was also against the South Africans.

Before Saturday's game with India, we have won 11 games in a row, which has included four series wins against South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and the West Indies. I'm not sure I can put my finger on the reason for our success, but I imagine a lot of it is down to the players all enjoying playing together and the team spirit we have. The players seem to raise their game when we need them to and it looks like we are peaking ahead of what is going to be a really big year, not just for us, but women's cricket in general.

There is no real secret to our success, but I guess having a settled team helps, as we have kept pretty much the same side for the last couple of years. The young players were all given a chance to learn their roles in the side and we stuck with them through thick and thin. Now it is really paying off.

People are beginning to notice us and take more interest in us and with the ICC Women's World Cup and ICC World Twenty20 coming up, hopefully people can see what we are capable of doing in playing some good, exciting cricket.



**CHALLENGE:** England captain Charlotte Edwards is gearing up for an important year for both her team and the women's game

You never get the recognition you deserve if you are to compare it to the men's game, but that is something we have learnt to live with.

Twenty20 is a format I have always enjoyed because you either get runs or you don't. So far it is going well for me in Twenty20, with 154 runs in three innings, and long may that continue. Batters have to go for runs so I think perhaps it's more of a difficult game for us, but on the whole I seem to perform better under pressure and maybe that has helped me.

I enjoy opening the batting in Twenty20 and this is something I will continue to do. I am not the quickest between the wickets so opening up allows me to play some shots early on to try and get us off to a flyer in the first six overs and, thankfully, so far it has worked out well for both me and the team.

Next year is a huge year for the women's game. We take on the Australians in defence of the Ashes we won last year, as well as the ICC Women's World Cup and the ICC World Twenty20.

We will have played all the

best teams before then so that will give us a good indication of where we are at.

We are all excited about the chance to play the Twenty20 semi-final and final before the men's at The Oval, Trent Bridge and Lord's next year – but we have to get there first.

It will be a new experience playing in front of a packed-out crowd and millions of people watching on television, but I really feel Twenty20 is the best format for us to show what we can do.

The games will not only be a chance to play in front of a big crowd, it is perhaps more important than that. The media coverage will help give the women's game an added boost and help put us on the centre stage. I am sure this will have a massive impact on our game.

We began our one-day series with the Indians yesterday, which will be tough as they are one of the best teams in the world. They have not toured as well as they would have liked in England as they are strong at home, but they will be a much tougher test than the South Africans and we will have to be at our best to beat them.

I have really enjoyed captaining the side over the last two years and being a part of a successful team.

I often get asked about my captaincy style and how I would best describe it. To be honest, it's difficult to explain. All I would say is that I am quite hard on the girls, but I try to be fair at the same time. All I want is for them to enjoy themselves and make the most of the opportunity because we give up a lot to play the game.

I try to lead from the front and feel I have matured as both a cricketer and a captain and am really looking forward to the year ahead and all the challenges it will bring.

**• Charlotte Edwards, the Kent and England women's cricket captain, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular columnists.**

## Stimson still looking for final striker

WHILE the rest of the country suffers with the effects of the credit crunch, football clubs continue to buy and sell before the transfer window slams shut tomorrow.

Gillingham have recruited midfielder Curtis Weston on a two-year deal after he terminated his contract at Leeds, while winger Charlie Daniels has arrived on a month's loan from Tottenham.

Gills boss Mark Stimson has made several members of his squad available for loan to free up some money to bring more players in.

Stuart Thurgood is one who has already departed but others including Nicky Southall, Stuart Lewis and Charlie Howard are yet to have gone out on loan.

Stimson is still after a striker from League One but isn't holding out hope of landing him before Monday's deadline.

He said: "We will probably have to balance the books but if someone did pop up – that striker who is still not dead and buried – if something could materialise there, then it might be a goer for us."

The scramble for players before the transfer window and having to deal with agents is not something Stimson is a big fan of.

He said: "It's hectic. It is one of those where it goes crazy for a period of time when you are never off your phone, making calls trying to get players in. Agents obviously want the best deal for the player, but don't always have the player's best interest at heart as they are looking for the pound note."

"I think like most managers we would rather not have transfer windows because it doesn't get as hectic or crazy and being rushed into something that perhaps you would regret in three months' time."

**• For the latest on Gillingham's transfer activity, visit [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).**



**INJURED:** Nicky Southall is unlikely to go out on loan

## Hampshire lose points over Kent registration

ALL-ROUNDER Tom Parsons was the subject of an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) disciplinary panel on Thursday after he played for Hampshire while registered for Kent.

The 21-year-old played for Hampshire in a second XI match against Sussex second XI in April.

Although he was not contracted to Kent he was registered, which Hampshire failed to check before playing Parsons against Sussex.

The county admitted breaking Directive 1.1 of the ECB Directives and were fined £500 and docked half the 12 points won in the match.

The panel attached no blame to Parsons, who was unaware of the rules surrounding registration.

## Spitfires gunning for glory



**DANGER MAN:** Robbie Joseph in action for Kent

KENT Spitfires could virtually secure promotion from Pro40 Division Two as they play two away games in three days.

Rob Key's side are well-placed in third, with a game in hand on the top two, before today's match against the Northamptonshire Steelbacks.

The Spitfires will start favourites at Northampton, with the hosts rooted to the

bottom after losing all five matches in the competition to date.

On Tuesday, Kent's penultimate match in the competition takes them to the Oval for a match against the Surrey Brown Caps.

Wins in both matches would put the Spitfires into the promotion places going into their final game against leaders Essex at Canterbury on September 13.

## Cricket at The St Lawrence Ground

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### EXCLUSIVE

By **TOM HOWARD**

LISA Dobriskey has thanked Kent on Sunday readers for their "overwhelming" support during the Olympic Games in Beijing.

The Ashford-born athlete finished an agonising fourth in the 1500-metre final last Saturday in the Birds Nest Stadium.

Although she narrowly missed out on a medal, her Olympic adventure captured the imagination of the county as they followed her progress at the games on television and through her exclusive online blog at [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).

Dozens of comments were left by supporters on our site and on the day of the final, the Julie Rose Athletics Stadium opened its doors for fans to watch her first-ever Olympic final.

After the final Dobriskey returned to England with the rest of Team GB and has struggled to come to terms with the support she received.

She told Kent on Sunday: "The support has been fantastic and has been overwhelming. I have never had so many messages of encouragement."

### Amazing

"As an athlete it is nice to read the odd little message asking how I am doing, but the scale whilst the Olympics was going on was amazing. I would like to say thank you to everyone in Ashford and the rest of the county who have been supporting me. I do feel I have let them all down really for not picking up a medal though."

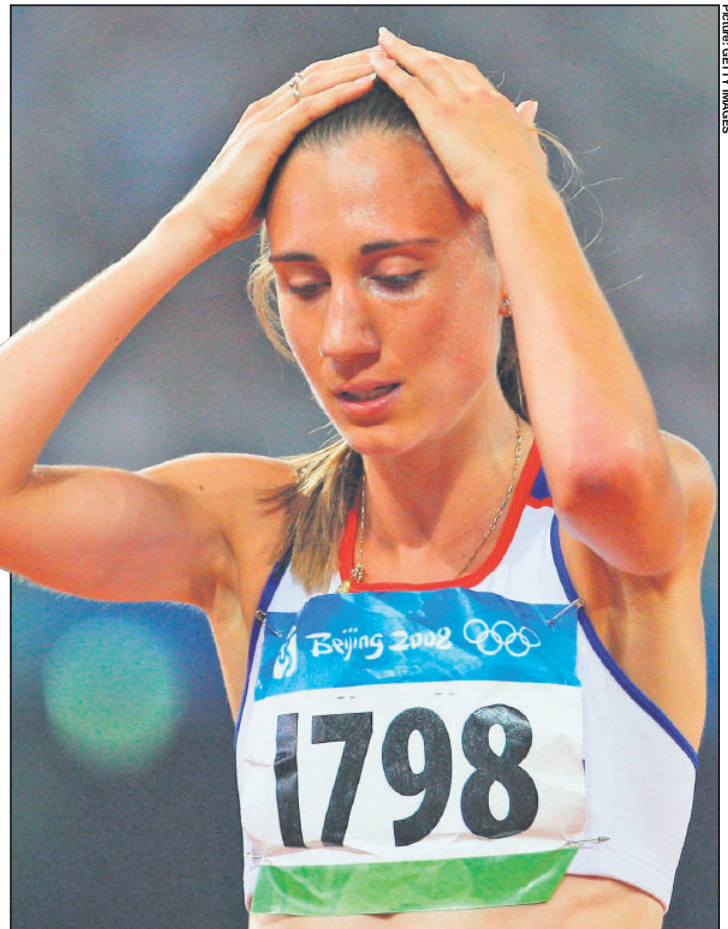
Dobriskey still feels frustrated for missing the point to attack and finishing in fourth place in the final. The 24-year-old admitted she felt the occasion got to her when she stood on the start line.

She said: "I have watched the race over about 10 times and it is bit annoying really why I didn't push at the point I should have. There are lots of ifs and buts but that is sport. I will have to build on this experience."

"Finishing fourth is so close to getting a medal. I know if I had pushed or changed my tactics I would probably have got there. One of the problems I think was the occasion. It got to me a bit."

"I have not raced on a stage quite as big as that before and during the season I have not raced in such big arenas. I was not really used to racing in those conditions."

The Ashford athlete went into the games as a potential medal prospect after recording an unofficial personal best in a training race against men. On the eve of the Olympics, former Olympic 1500m champi-



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

**AGONISING:** The reality of missing out on a medal hits Lisa Dobriskey after she finishes fourth in the 1500m final in Beijing. She has vowed to learn from her experience

on Dame Kelly Holmes had tipped her to pick up a medal.

Dobriskey has now vowed to follow in the footsteps of Holmes, who finished fourth in her first Olympic final in Atlanta 1996. She believes she can use the disappointment and the experience of Beijing to inspire her for London 2012.

She added: "I can use the fourth place to help drive me on to 2012. Kelly Holmes finished fourth in her first Olympics at Atlanta and she went on to win in 2004."

"The whole Olympic experience in Beijing was a bit overwhelming and like a whirlwind. I went into the games thinking fourth or even a top six would be a very good result for

me as these are the best athletes in the world."

"After I got into the final I started to feel the expectation of perhaps being a potential medallist and it got to me a little bit. I cannot dwell on the negative side, I have got to take the positives from the Olympic experience and not get dragged down by it."

For Dobriskey the rest from competing will be short lived as she competes in the Gateshead Grand Prix, which takes place today.

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